

THE GOLDEN WEDDING  
OF MR. AND MRS. SIKES

January 17, 1925, was the 50th anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Sikes of this city and in honor of the occasion their children, A. C. Sikes, W. H. Sikes and Mrs. E. Lindsay Brown, prepared a program and a feast to which many neighbors, friends and relatives were invited.

In the receiving line to assist Mr. and Mrs. Sikes were Mr. and Mrs. William Pharris, who celebrated their golden wedding last year, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Baker, who will have been married 50 years next month, and Mrs. Hita Harris, who with her husband now in a St. Louis hospital, will celebrate their golden wedding in March of this year.

Almost one hundred guests passed these grand old people and gave them the hand of good wishes for the future, and congratulations for the noble lives they have lived.

Soon after the guests had assembled Mr. and Mrs. Sikes led the way to the dining room, where a most excellent repast was set before them.

After the feast, W. H. Sikes announced that but one guest was in attendance who was present at the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Sikes and called on G. B. Greer, a younger brother of Mrs. Sikes to say a few words about the courtship and marriage of the young couple. Mr. Greer stated that he was but a small boy at the time of the courtship and marriage, and had but a hazy recollection of the occasion. He said he could picture the log house, 25x25 feet with a room above where the family lived, and could see his sister doing the chores about the house to assist his mother, and that he could picture a very determined young man, who was just as tenacious in his young days as he is now, who was paying court to his sweetheart, and that he could picture this young man sending the children out of the room that he might speak a few sweet words to the girl of his choice. Then he could imagine the face of the girl turning red, but not blushing, while she asked for time to think the matter over, for this young woman had many suitors, but at last consented to take him for better or for worse. He could also see Frank Sikes working his one mule, "Drag" hard all week, and driving "Drag" hard every Sunday. Then he could see them married and on the road to Frank's farm south of Sikeston with the faithful "Drag" pulling the buggy. The rest of the story was left to those present who know of the progress of this wonderful couple, who have fought side by side for 50 years to raise their family and to be of some benefit to the community in which they live.

It was then stated that one man present could tell of the pranks and devilment that Frank Sikes was guilty of as a student in school, if he would, as they were room mates for two years while students at the Arcadia Academy. This gentleman was John O. Long, of Cadet, Mo., but like a good scout, he refused to tell tales out of school, much to the disappointment of all.

Rev. Thos. B. Mather, as usual, gave a beautiful talk on the life and character of this wonderful couple, and spoke the unanimous sentiments of all when he wished them happiness to the end.

Mrs. Maggie Moore Lillard, of Columbus, Ky., then read two of the creations of Edgar A. Guest, that were very appropriate to the occasion, as follows:

**Telling It to the Children**  
Well, you see I met your mother at a wedding, long ago,  
And though I was four and twenty,  
Up to then I didn't know  
That in all our busy city, which I've  
traveled up and down,  
There was such a lovely creature,  
with such lustrous eyes of brown;  
But the minute that I saw her, I just  
stared and stared,  
And right then I should have hugged  
her and have kissed her, if I'd  
dared!  
She was acting as the bridesmaid, I  
was best man for the groom,  
And of course the bride was lovely,  
but the loveliest in the room  
Wasn't just then getting married, was  
my thought, as I stood there,  
For I couldn't keep from staring at  
your mother, I declare,  
And I couldn't keep from thinking, as  
we knelt there, side by side,  
There must be another wedding, and  
she must be the bride.

Well, the wedding party scattered,  
bride and groom and guests and  
all,  
But I asked that lovely bridesmaid if  
she'd let me call;  
And she blushed and gave permission,  
and when Sunday morning  
came  
I bought a box of candy, with a very  
famous name,  
And I went up there to see her and  
her Pa and Ma were there;  
And I wanted so to kiss her—but of  
course I didn't dare.

Now that's how I met your mother—  
and 'twas twenty years ago,  
And there was another wedding—just  
the one I'd longed to know,  
For one lovely Sunday evening when  
I went up there to call,  
I caught her up and kissed her, as we  
lingered in the hall,  
And we planned right then to marry  
it was love that made me bold—  
Now that's how I met your mother—  
but don't tell her that I told.

**Mother Tells Her Story**  
When first I met you father, it was  
at a wedding, dears,  
And he wore a high white collar  
which stretched right up to his  
ears;

He was thin and short and nervous,  
and his dress coat didn't fit,  
And I didn't like the way he dressed  
his hair a little bit;

It was parted in the middle, and it  
looped across his brow,  
And I never dreamed that evening  
I'd be married to him now.

I knew a dozen fellows who were  
handsomer than he,  
And all of them were richer, and  
they thought a lot of me;  
And they bought me flowers and  
candy every time they came to  
call,

So this meeting with your father  
didn't mean much after all;  
And besides his ways annoyed me,  
I'd have told him if I dared,  
That I didn't like his manner and the  
vulgar way he stared.

Well, next Sunday after dinner he  
came up to call on me  
And stayed so long that Grandma  
then invited him for tea;

After that he came so often that your  
Grandpa used to say:  
"That skinny gawk is driving all the  
healthy stock away!"

But somehow I'd grown to like him  
and I marveled that I could,  
For he never tried to kiss me—though  
I often wished he would.

Now that's all there is to tell you—  
by next June I was his bride,  
But before that I had made him part  
his hair upon the side,  
And I'd made him change his collars,  
and I'd slicked him up a lot,

For I taught him what he should do,  
and things which he should not,  
But now don't tell I've told you—  
that's the way I met your dad.  
Would I do the same thing over?  
Well—he hasn't been so bad!

Most of the guests present had  
turned the half way point of the three  
score and ten allotted to life, and  
most all of them were reminded of  
their courtship and marriage when  
the old-time and tuneful songs of  
"When You and I Were Young Maggie",  
and "Silver Threads Among the  
Gold", were sung by those present.

**When You and I Were Young, Maggie**  
I wandered today to the hill, Maggie,  
To watch the scene below;  
The creek and the creaking old mill,  
Maggie,

As we used to long ago.  
The green grove is gone from the hill,  
Maggie,

Where first the daisies sprang;  
The creaking old mill is still, Maggie,  
When you and I were young.

Chorus.  
And now we are aged and gray, Mag-  
gie,

And the trials of life nearly done;  
Let us sing of the days that are gone,  
Maggie,

When you and I were young.  
A city so silent and lone, Maggie,  
Where the young and the gay and  
the best,

In polished white mansions of stone,  
Maggie,  
Have each found a place to rest,  
Is built where the birds used to play,  
Maggie,

And join in the songs that were sung;  
For we sang as gay as they, Maggie,  
When you and I were young.

Chorus.  
They say I am feeble with age, Mag-  
gie,

My steps are less sprightly than then,  
My face is a well-written page, Mag-  
gie,

But time alone was the pen.  
They say we are aged and gray, Mag-  
gie,

As sprays by the white breakers  
flung;

## Kaysers Silk Hosiery

Means more than Silk Stockings,  
They have quality and character  
that appeal to women who select  
their wearing apparel with dis-  
crimination.

Our Hosiery  
Better Looking-Lower Prices

J. W. Kimes Co.

But to me you're as fair as you were,  
Maggie,  
When you and I were young.  
Chorus.

**Silver Threads Among The Gold**  
Darling, I am growing old,  
Silver threads among the gold,  
Shine upon my brow today,  
Life is fading fast away.  
But, my darling, you will be, will be,  
Always young and fair to me,  
Yes, my darling, you will be  
Always young and fair to me.  
Chorus.

Darling, I am growing old,  
Silver threads among the gold,  
Shine upon my brow today,  
Life is fading fast away.

When you hair is silver white,  
And your cheeks no longer bright,  
With the roses of the May,  
I will kiss your lips and say,  
Oh, my darling, mine alone, alone,  
You have never older grown,  
Yes, my darling, mine alone,  
You have never older grown.  
Chorus.

Love can never grow old,  
Locks may lose their brown and gold,  
Cheeks may fade and hollow grow,  
But the hearts that love will know,  
Never, never winter's frost and chill,  
Summer warmth is in them still,  
Never winter's frost and chill,  
Summer warmth is in them still.  
Chorus.

Love is always young and fair,  
What to us is silver hair;  
Faded cheeks, or steps grown slow,  
To the hearts that beats below?  
Since I kissed you mine alone, alone,  
You have never older grown  
Since I kissed you mine alone,  
You have never older grown.  
Chorus.

These songs were beautiful to all  
of us who are nearing the end of our  
journey, and we are safe to say that  
every heart was touched when these  
songs were given. They were sad on  
this occasion, but beautiful and won-  
derful to us of long ago.

Those present besides the bride  
and groom, were: Mr. and Mrs. L.  
M. Stallcup, Mr. and Mrs. James  
Klein, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Ross, Mr.  
and Mrs. T. A. Slack, Mr. and Mrs.  
Walter Clymer, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. L.  
Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay  
Brown, of Charleston, Mr. and Mrs.  
John C. Corrigan, Poplar Bluff; Mr.  
and Mrs. J. W. Baker, Sr., Mr. and  
Mrs. A. J. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs.  
F. McMullin, Mr. and Mrs. Edw.  
Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Rode-  
gus, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Smith, Mr.  
and Mrs. C. D. Matthews, Mr. and  
Mrs. Wm. Pharris, Mr. and Mrs. John  
Long, Cadet, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs.

SIKESTON TO PLAY  
FOUR GAMES IN WEEK

The Sikeston high school basket-  
ball team will play four games with  
other high school teams this week.  
On Wednesday they will meet Van-  
duser; on Thursday, Matthews on  
Friday and on Saturday, on Satur-  
day.

If the weather permits a large  
crowd of rooters will accompany our  
team and pep them up. The Sikes-  
ton team is carrying a large handi-  
cap by having no home court to prac-  
tice on. Still, we have some keen  
players and are hoping to win every  
one of these games.

Marie Brown, Charleston; Mr. and  
Mrs. Frank Van Forne, Mr. and  
Mrs. Oliver French, Charleston; Mr.  
and Mrs. F. H. Smith, Mr. and Mrs.  
E. Light Brown, Charleston; Mr.  
and Mrs. H. A. Smith, Mr. and Mrs.  
E. J. Crowe, Dexter; Mr. and Mrs. C.  
L. Janton, Rev. and Mrs. Thos. B.  
Mayer, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sikes,  
Maud Mrs. W. H. Sikes, Mrs. Hita  
Harris, Mrs. Kate L. Cook, Mrs. Mol-  
leong, Mrs. Laura Slack, Mrs. Mol-  
leong, Mrs. Bettie Matthews,  
M. Florence Marshall, Mrs. Kate  
Harris, Mrs. Laura Smith, Mrs. O.  
Ekendall, Mrs. Robert Lillard, Col-  
umbus, Ky., G. M. Greer, Leland P.  
Lile, Kendall Sikes, G. B. Greer, E.  
Lisay Brown, Jr., Charleston; Miss  
Avey Chaney, Miss Lydia Chaney,  
M. Margaret Harris, Miss P. Mary  
Pzell, Cape Girardeau; Miss Vir-  
ginia Matthews, Mary Jane Sikes.

His grand old couple who have  
waded down life's pathway, hand  
in hand, for fifty years, is an in-  
spiration for our young people who  
well follow their example and  
follow the Lord be with them.

The woodshed belonging to I. N.  
Ham, corner of School and Daniel  
streets, was destroyed by fire Thurs-  
day evening about 7:00 o'clock. The  
work of the firemen saved all the  
surrounding property from being  
damaged.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C.  
Walter Clymer, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. L.  
Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay  
Brown, of Charleston, Mr. and Mrs.  
John C. Corrigan, Poplar Bluff; Mr.  
and Mrs. J. W. Baker, Sr., Mr. and  
Mrs. A. J. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs.  
F. McMullin, Mr. and Mrs. Edw.  
Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Rode-  
gus, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Smith, Mr.  
and Mrs. C. D. Matthews, Mr. and  
Mrs. Wm. Pharris, Mr. and Mrs. John  
Long, Cadet, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs.

SUNDAY EVE FIRE  
CALLS OUT COMPANY

About 7:30 o'clock Sunday evening  
the fire truck answered a call to  
North Ranney Street to fight a bad  
blaze in the house occupied by Mrs.  
Rankin and family and Mr. and Mrs.  
Jenkins.

The fire had a pretty good start and  
it looked at first as though the house  
would be a total loss, but after a  
while the fire burned a hole in the  
north gable of the house through  
which the firemen could place the  
water direct on the fire. The house  
belonged to A. Meyer of St. Louis  
and carried sufficient insurance to  
cover the loss. Most of the house-  
hold goods of the two families oc-  
cupying the house were removed, but  
the loss to them is severe for nei-  
ther carried insurance.

HIGH SCHOOL  
FURNITURE DISPLAY

The furniture made by the manual  
training students of the Sikeston  
High School will be on display in the  
O. K. Drug Store windows, Wednes-  
day, Thursday and Friday.

The display will consist of chairs,  
writing desks, tables and many other  
useful things that help make up a  
modern home.

This display is for the people who  
are interested in school work. Don't  
fail to see the furniture display at  
the above named store.

## Randolph-Keasler

Miss Mildred Keasler and Herschel  
Randolph, both of this city, were  
married at the Methodist parsonage  
at Cairo, Ill., Friday morning of last  
week, with Miss Elizabeth Keasler, a  
sister of the bride, and Carl Lawrence  
as witnesses.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and  
Mrs. W. H. Keasler of this city and  
has been with the Sikeston Mercan-  
tile Company for the past few years.

Mr. Randolph is a traveling sales-  
man for a meat house of Cairo.  
The splendid couple will make  
their home in Sikeston.

Mrs. Effie Hunter is the house guest  
of Mrs. W. H. Tanner and family.

The Grand, Tom Arnold's new  
picture show, is expected to be ready  
for business by February 1, or soon  
after, as Contractor Young has a full  
force of carpenters and painters on  
the job. He opera chairs and the  
picture machine have arrived.

BUSINESS BUILDING  
OF SHEPHERD-BLANTON

S. N. Shepherd and Chas. Blanton,  
Jr., have purchased the piece of  
ground to the east of the Hotel Mar-  
shall and will erect a brick building  
on same, work to commence about  
the first of March. The building will  
contain two store rooms each 20x80  
feet, both of which have been leased  
for a term of ten years.

One of The Standard force inter-  
viewed Mayor Felker, last week, as  
to his rumored building, but was told  
that nothing had been settled as to  
size, as to the kind to build, and most  
important, as to where the money  
was to be secured to erect the build-  
ing. However, Mayor Felker said he  
hoped to be able to put up a building  
containing store rooms on the first  
floor with flats above.

The rumor that a three story brick  
would go up on the block now oc-  
cupied by the Hilleman Tire Co. Isaac's  
the Tailor and Cole's Studio, The  
Standard believes is an assured fact,  
though no contract has yet been en-  
tered into by the owners of the  
ground.

The good turn of the bolly cotton  
will be the means of furnishing the  
money for many new houses and  
much remodeling when the spring  
opens.

SPECIAL SESSION  
OF CITY COUNCIL

The fact of several Southern gen-  
tlemen being in our community, of  
late supposedly to get negro families  
to return to the cotton fields of the  
South, caused considerably consterna-  
tion in certain quarters the past few  
days. In fact, there was a regular  
flare-up by some local farmers who  
employ many colored families.

Mayor Felker was prevailed upon  
to call a special session of the City  
Council for Friday night and the fol-  
lowing ordinance was passed:

Be it ordained by the Board of Al-  
dermen of the City of Sikeston as  
follows:

Section 1—Any person who shall in  
the City of Sikeston, engage in the  
employment of labor for the purpose  
of providing labor for any industry or  
for any company or for any individ-  
ual shall first secure a license per-  
mitting him or her to employ or secure  
said labor.

Section 2—That such person or  
persons acting as such employers of  
labor shall pay a license of \$500.00  
per day and the necessary fees for  
issuing said license.

Section 3—Any person or persons  
violating any section or part of this  
ordinance shall upon conviction be  
fined not to exceed \$100.00 or thirty  
days in jail, or by both such fine and  
imprisonment.

Section 4—All ordinances or parts  
of ordinances in conflict herewith are  
hereby repealed.

Read first, second and third times  
and passed and approved this 16th  
day of January, 1925.

Approved by C. E. FELKER, Mayor  
Attest by:  
Maime S. Pitman, City Clerk.

This ordinance speaks for itself,  
but it is doubtful if such a thing  
would stand in court; we think not,  
but if it has the desired effect, it will  
have answered its purpose.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Edmonson of  
Kennett were Sunday visitors of Mr.  
and Mrs. Chas. H. Yanson and fam-  
ily.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirk and son and  
Mrs. Palima Kirk of Charleston were  
visitors of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Kor-  
negger, Sunday.

Mesdames Clarence Felker, Harry  
Dover, L. M. Schreff and Harry  
Young spent Thursday in Poplar  
Bluff visiting friends.

Mrs. Howard O'Neil of Poplar Bluff  
is the guest of her mother, Mrs. E.  
L. Richards, at the home of Mr. and  
Mrs. O. W. McCutchen.

C. L. Blanton and family and Jno.  
Louis Watkins and family of Van-  
duser, were dinner guests of Mr.  
and Mrs. Craven Watkins, Sunday.

Mrs. Elizabeth Cottle of Cape Gir-  
ardeau spent Sunday with Mr. and  
Mrs. John Simlar and family. Sun-  
day afternoon Mrs. Simlar, Mrs. Cot-  
tle and Mrs. Fred Bowman and son  
visited friends in Charleston.

Dr. P. M. Malcolm was taken to  
St. Louis Thursday night for further  
medical examination. He has been  
in a serious condition for many  
weeks and a change for the better  
must come soon. His friends are  
hoping some relief can be given him  
and that he will yet be out.

HARRY OBERSON, 29  
SEVERELY BURNED

The readers of The Standard will  
recall an article printed recently of  
four girls from the Charleston vicin-  
ity running from a negro house west  
of Sikeston and seeking protection at  
the home of Frank Albright. Well,  
while this was a sensational story and  
without names that we could have  
supplied, it was a true story.

Well, this same negro house was  
the scene of some sort of festivities  
Saturday night and Sheriff Wade  
Tucker of New Madrid County came  
along and scattered the crowd of mixed  
whites and blacks.

Of the whites at this negro joint  
was Harry Oberson, and a carload of  
friends consisting of four girls and  
two boys. This party concluded to  
stop by the roadside and build a  
fire, which they proceeded to do. Hav-  
ing a hard time to make the fire burn,  
a liberal amount of gasoline was  
drawn from the car and applied. It  
started the fire all right and set fire  
to the clothing of Oberson, 29 years  
of age, and living 3 miles west of  
Morley. He was brought to Sikeston,  
where Dr. J. H. Yount, assisted by  
Dr. Glenn Fish, dressed his wounds.  
He was severely burned about the  
face, neck and hands, and a large  
blister raised on his side. The skin  
from his hands and forearms was  
blistered until it hung in shreds. No  
others of the party were injured. Dr.  
Yount advised Oberson to go to a  
hospital to receive the attention he  
must have to recover.

This negro joint is on the Dan Mc-  
Coy farm and the negroes should be  
removed from the neighborhood be-  
fore a hanging takes place or the en-  
raged neighbors pull the house down.

Sheriff Tucker visited the Honka-  
Tonk on the Smith farm, just south  
of town, the same night and warn-  
ed the two or three hundred whites  
and blacks there assembled, to dis-  
pense and stop their meetings, else  
he would close the house for one year.

This has long been a source of  
annoyance to the public and should  
be abated, before a serious race riot  
starts. Just imagine the class of  
whites who attend these negro frolics.

THE SHOE FACTORY  
ISSUES STATEMENT

Jos. L. Matthews, trustee for shoe  
factory committee, has received the  
following statement showing the  
amount expended in Sikeston from  
January 1 to December 31, 1924:

Wages paid to resident  
employees ..... \$238,888.63  
Amount expended with lo-  
cal merchants ..... 11,724.87

Total ..... \$250,613.50  
Amount previously  
reported ..... 43,268.71

Total to Dec. 31....\$293,882.21  
W. L. Hutters the local superintend-  
ent, reports 447 people employed at  
\$2,880.00 per day, or \$7,600.00 per  
week. The contract entered into be-  
tween the citizens of Sikeston and  
officials of the International Shoe  
Co. requires that \$1,400,000.00 be ex-  
pended within ten years for help in  
the factory before the property is  
deeded to the International Shoe Co.

The factory force is being increas-  
ed rapidly and it is expected the full  
force of 800 people will be on duty  
before the summer is over.

The Standard is very proud of the  
change made in conditions of many  
families by the clean employment giv-  
en in this factory.

Judge Hoke of Parma was a Sikes-  
ton visitor, Sunday.

Mrs. J. C. Horne was delightfully  
surprised with a handkerchief show-  
er at her home on Kathleen avenue,  
by the ladies of the Baptist Church  
last Thursday night.

Miss Gladys Mae Schrum returned  
to Sikeston Saturday from Little  
Rock, Ark., where she attended the  
annual Bell Telephone Operators Con-  
vention this past week.

Mrs. Ed Crowe of Dexter spent the  
week-end with her mother, Mrs.  
Laura Smith. Mr. Crowe joined her  
Saturday evening to attend the party  
given at the home of Mr. and Mrs.  
F. M. Sikes Saturday evening.

Max Borowsky, brother of Mrs. L.  
Becker of Sikeston, and for some  
time connected with the Becker store  
here, has purchased and taken charge  
of the stock of general merchandise  
of the Tiger-Levine Co., of Manila,  
Ark. The Standard wishes Max every  
success with his mercantile business  
in his new location.

## SKESTON STANDARD

C. L. BLANTON, EDITOR

ISSUED TUESDAY AND FRIDAY  
AT SKESTON, MISSOURIEntered at the Postoffice at Skeston,  
Scott County, Missouri, as second-  
class mail matter, according to act  
of Congress.

Rates:  
Display advertising, per single col-  
umn inch, net .....25c  
Reading notices, per line .....10c  
Financial statements for banks \$5.00  
Probate notices, minimum .....\$5.00  
Yearly subscription elsewhere in the  
and adjoining counties .....\$1.50  
Yearly subscription elsewhere in the  
United States .....\$2.00

Great minds differ on many things. While the editor of The Herald thinks one way on what is best for the good of the community, the editor of The Standard has a few things coming. The difference between these great minds are: one is afraid to think out loud for fear of making someone mad and the other doesn't care whether it suits or not. The editor of The Standard believes it is much better to issue a pointed warning, than to wait until disgrace overtakes the parties, or possible bloodshed. It is safe to say that parties to some quiet meetings, that has been thinly veiled in The Standard, have thought enough of same, to guard their actions a little more closely or cut out these meetings altogether. The Standard could print the names all right, but remembers the fate of Brand of the Iconoclast, who proved his case and was killed for it.

For some time past The Standard job shop and newspaper plant has been so congested that it has been necessary for the editor to devote nearly his entire time along with the mechanics, in order to keep up the works. For this reason our news section of The Standard has been considerably neglected. The business future in this city looks extremely bright and in order to keep abreast of the times, the management has secured from the School of Journalism at Columbia, Mo., the services of Miss Helen Dahnke, who will be with us February 1. Miss Dahnke is a graduate of the University of Missouri, has had special training in the newspaper field, and The Standard feels that she will greatly strengthen our force. She will devote her entire time to front office work and we bespeak for her a hearty welcome in Skeston.

We are told that the past few weeks have made such a change in the cotton fields that nearly every cotton farmer has made money instead of losing as was believed. Hundreds of loads of bolls have been gathered from fields abandoned, which has been a wonderful thing. Many farmers who have been in debt to the banks have paid out and have money to operate this season. It has been a surprise to note what a stimulating effect being out of debt has had on some of our farmers who thought they were hopelessly in debt. They are full of fight and look on the future in a different light.

The Standard believes enough colored families will remain in the Skeston District to enable our farmers to put out and attend a sufficient acreage of cotton. The community is better off without some of the colored citizens, but those who have proven their worth and remain here, should be given every encouragement to make good citizens. They should be given just treatment in every way and protected from sharpers who prey on them. Many of these families are thrifty and are trying to better their condition in every way. We need their help and they need ours.

It is too bad that Skeston has been unable to wake up its Chamber of Commerce that went to sleep last summer. A Chamber of Commerce is badly needed in every city the size of Skeston, and at this time, with so many needed improvements, should be functioning regularly. We must have a sewer system, more paved streets, more houses for those who wish to move here, and the Chamber of Commerce should be revived in order to help put these things over.

To obtain results that are worth while in a community, to do work that is followed by a constantly increasing return of prosperity and growth to a community, to do work that makes it possible for other people to live more contentedly and easier in your home community, is a much more difficult accomplishment than making money, but the object is more worth while.

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PETER PAN LETTERS TO  
MANAGER M'CUTCHEEN

We appreciated it and you are very nice to invite us to the show. The part I liked the best, was where Peter Pan was fighting the pirate. And we thank you very much.—Robert Cauthorn.

I was glad you invited us to your show yesterday. I thought it was a good show. The best part was Peter Pan. I thought the rest was good too. I wish I could see every one of your pictures.—Leroy Love.

When you invited all the school to see Peter Pan, I went to it. When you gave us an invitation to see the show we were all glad, for we knew it would be good. I sure liked where he flew around and I liked to see those mermaids. We sure appreciated it. I think it was the best show I ever saw. I hope you will have some more shows like it. If you do, I think I will come to see it.—Alvin Nicholson.

I enjoyed the show very much. I also enjoyed the invitation to it. It was one of the best shows ever. I think all the others enjoyed the show also.—Gail Taylor.

I thank you very much for the invitation to the show. I surely liked the picture of Peter Pan the best of all.—Alma Buchholz.

I liked the show of Peter Pan very much and think it very kind of you to let us in free. I enjoyed it fine and all the other children I heard speak of it, did too. Some had to leave before it was over. Most everyone in our room went and each one was telling the other how he liked it. A little girl told me it was the best show she ever went to, and her mother said it was fine.—Dorothy E. Hulsey.

As a member of the sixth grade No. 3, I want to thank you for the privilege of seeing Peter Pan. It was one of the best pictures we have seen and especially did we like Betty Bronson as Peter Pan in her acting on Captain Hook's boat. It was certainly generous of you to permit us to go. Many of us could not have seen the picture. Wishing you much success in your business.—Gustine Swanagon.

I sure did appreciate the show yesterday. The pictures were good. I appreciate coming to see the show yesterday. Can hardly think today, you had so much to show.—Lucy May Scott.

I enjoyed the show very well. I think Peter Pan was the best part about it. I hope you will have some more free shows. I am coming to the show Friday night. I enjoy it.—Harry Golightly.

I think it very fine of you to let the school children in free to see Peter Pan Monday and Tuesday afternoons. I'm quite sure every boy and girl that has seen your wonderful show appreciated it. I am going to tell everybody what you have done to make the school children happy. We appreciate it very much.—Virginia Randol.

It sure was nice of you to invite us to Peter Pan, and I sure enjoyed it. It was the best picture I have seen and I bet everybody enjoyed it too. Everybody that I knew just told everybody they knew.—John Whidden.

I went to the show Monday and Tuesday. It sure was kind of you to let us in the show free. I think it was the best free show you have ever had and I guess you will let us in free many more times. But one thing was, that most of the boys whistled when Peter Pan started. You have been so good to us, that we will invite you to school some time. We sure did appreciate it.—Vivian Glover.

We, the pupils of the fourth grade, enjoyed the show of Peter Pan. It was certainly a good show and I thank you for inviting me and the rest of the room. They all enjoyed your show I know.—Thomas Price, Carroll.

I surely thank you for inviting us over to see Peter Pan free, and I enjoyed it very much, and the rest of them enjoyed it too. I liked the comedy, too. I liked the part where Peter Pan and the rest were on the ship with the pirates and I think the other boys did too.—Allan Swaim.

I enjoyed Peter Pan very much. It was the best show I've seen. I am certainly glad you invited us. But I don't know how the children flew.—Marjorie Mow.

I liked the show of Peter Pan very much and I thought I would write and tell you how much I enjoyed it and I want to thank you very much for admitting us free.—Laura Wright.

I thought I would write you a letter, thanking you for letting me in to see Peter Pan at the show Monday afternoon. I liked the show so very well, that I wished to see it again. I thank you a hundred and a hundred times for letting me see the show.—Z. W. Killgore.

I am going to write you a letter to tell you how much I enjoyed your show, which all school children were admitted free. So I am going to tell you what parts I liked best. The

main part was where Peter Pan and his band were fighting the pirates. Although I liked it all, but the funniest of all was in the comedy where the girl was feeding the stock and chickens Mexican jumping beans.—Orlan Byrd.

I liked the show you invited us to very much and I thought I would write and tell you how I liked it. I am in the fifth grade. The rest of the children that I saw who went to the show said they liked it, too.—Atlanta Bridges.

I thank you very much for inviting the seventh grade to see the picture of Peter Pan. It was very interesting and the most interesting picture I have ever seen. It was very kind of you to invite us. Our teacher, Miss Bowman, said she thought it would be nice for us to tell you how much we enjoyed the picture. I think all the seventh grade enjoyed it very much. I think you should have a "thimble" as well as many thanks.—Ruby Stewart.

I want to thank you for the kind invitation to see Peter Pan. The picture was very interesting, for it was the best picture I have ever seen. Miss Bowman, our teacher, said she thought it would be nice for us to write and tell you how much we liked it. It was very nice of you to invite us to see the picture because some of us may not have gotten to see it. I think you need a "thimble" as well as Peter Pan.—Christina Glover.

We sure appreciate your show. I liked Wendy's part. Wendy looked like the mother. Tinker Bell was so funny. I think the part of Peter Pan was the best of all and the last boys were good boys. It was so good I could have stayed all night. I wish every kid in town could have seen it.—Alfreda Warren.

I surely did enjoy the show yesterday. It was good. I liked Wendy and Peter Pan where they were in Never Never Land. I liked the comedy too and Peter Pan where they were flying in the air and where the big dog put the little boy in bed and where Peter Pan flew in the window.—Orlan Heath.

I was sorry that I didn't get to go to the show, but I guess it was good. I wish I could have gone.—James Smart.

I went to your picture show. It was fine. I liked every picture that I saw. I appreciate it. Maybe I will have a play or a show. I will invite you to mine. I hope you have another free show on Easter day.—Marvin Ferrell.

Peter Pan has been the best show in Skeston and I sure liked it. Peter Pan was the best part about it and it was a good picture and Peter Pan was real good. I appreciate you letting us go free.—Harry Shuffit.

I enjoyed your show and invitation I thought that in the comedy, where the old man jumped off of the barn forward and then backward, and a car came along the road, which was going fast and took the stack away and he fell on the hard ground and in Peter Pan I thought the cutest was where the dog got tied and where the children were flying around the nursery, was best. I enjoyed it all, but that best. I also enjoyed your story book and invitation and appreciate your good comedy and Peter Pan show.—Virginia Baker.

I sure appreciate your show. The best of all was Peter Pan with the mother and the children, where he wanted Wendy and her brother to go home with him.—Christine Sickman.

I was at the show yesterday and I liked it very much. Peter Pan sure played good and he was a brave boy. Tinker Bell was a brave girl.—Louise Jackson.

I enjoyed the show very well. I think Peter Pan and the lost boys were the best. I think you were very nice to let us in free. I thank you for the invitation.—Stanley Hayden.

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Covered Wagon" or "North of 36"? I think it was.—Phillip Bailey Parker.

I am writing for the sixth grade No. 1 to tell you how much we appreciated seeing Peter Pan Tuesday afternoon. We liked the fighting of Peter Pan and the lost boys against the pirates and also when Peter Pan taught the Darlings Children to fly. Most of us thought this picture was the best we had seen.—Bland Wright.

As one of your many guests at the Monday matinee, I wish to thank you for the privilege of allowing me to attend the fairy land of "Peter Pan", which I most sincerely enjoyed. I think you should have a "thimble" for every year you have lived.—Pauline Wedel.

I thank you very much for inviting the seventh grade to see the picture of Peter Pan. I think we all enjoyed the picture and our teacher, Miss Bowman, thought it would be nice to write and tell you how we enjoyed it. I think Fairy Land is very beautiful, and I would like to go visit "Never Never Land" for awhile.—Gertrude Johnson.

I am thanking you for the privilege of allowing me to attend your Peter Pan show. I think it was very nice of you indeed, to think of us school children. I don't want to ever finish school if us children are tho't of every time a good show comes in. I think it was the best show I have ever seen or ever will see. I think you need a thimble for every year you have lived, don't you? Ever since the Peter Pan show the seventh grade boys have been teasing us about thimbles. Peter Pan was very fond of thimbles, was he not? Our teacher, Miss Melvin Bowman, insist that we should write and let you know how much we did appreciate the show.—Alma Jones.

I want to thank you for the kind invitation to attend the show Peter Pan Tuesday afternoon. I am sure every boy and girl in the 8th grade enjoyed it very much.—Frances Green.

I want to thank you for the privilege we had of attending the show, "Peter Pan", Tuesday afternoon. I am confident everyone present enjoyed it.—Audrey Sizis.

I want to thank you for the kind invitation to attend the picture show last Monday afternoon. I think it was very kind of you to have us come. The picture of Peter Pan and also the comedy was very interesting. I don't think some of us could have gone if it were not for you and Mr. Ellise. Loads of thanks and barrels of thimbles.—Cira Trousdale.

I thank you very much for your kindness in letting the pupils in the show. I never saw such a fine show before as Peter Pan. I have had a picture in my mind ever since Tuesday afternoon I enjoyed myself very much.—Ray Healy.

The comedy saw at your theatre Monday afternoon was the best I have seen for a longtime. Peter Pan was an excellent picture and almost made a person believe in fairies. I want to thank you for giving a free matinee for all the Elementary School children. I enjoyed it very much.—Robert Struve.

I want to thank you for inviting me to see Peter Pan. It was very interesting and I surely did enjoy it. I am willing to give you as many thimbles as you want, that is, at least one hundred pound in weight. The picture surely did make me cry, but perhaps that will do me good on some lines. I am sure it didn't let me.—Lavinie Inman.

I want to thank you for inviting

to see the picture Peter Pan. I tho't it very interesting. Some of us could not have gone if it hadn't been for the matinee. I send many many thanks.—Mary Ellen Tanner.

I want to thank you for your kindness in giving the eighth grade the privilege of seeing Peter Pan. I enjoyed it very much.—Blanche Wilkinson.

I wish to express my thanks to you for inviting us to the picture Peter Pan. It was very interesting and exciting to me. I am sure some of us could not have gone if it had not been for your generosity. I am sure everyone enjoyed it.—Lillian Reiss.

I am one of the girls who attended your show Monday afternoon. I surely enjoyed the show very much. I have been thinking of Peter Pan ever since I saw him. I also thought Tinkle Bell acted so cute. I want to thank you very much for admitting us free. I think it was very kind of you. I think you need a barrel of thimbles and loads of thanks. I am sending you a thimble and many thanks for your kindness. The boys have teased the girls for a thimble ever since they saw the picture.—Mary Paul.

I am one of the girls in the seventh grade. I think that it was very kind of you to let us see the picture Peter Pan free. It surely was good and I think that you deserve some thimbles too.—Mikred Cravens.

I am one of the girls of the seventh grade. I am thanking you very much for allowing me to attend your Peter Pan show. I think it is very kind of you to let us school children in free. It is about the best moving picture show I have ever seen.—Gladys Conley.

I am one of the seventh grade girls that attended your free show Peter Pan Monday afternoon. Our teacher, Miss Bowman, said it would be nice to write you a letter telling you I enjoyed it very much. You were quite right in thinking that we should be especially interested in it. We also liked the comedy, too. I think you need a handful of "thanks" and a mouthful of "thimbles" for your kindness.—Emma Robertson.

In behalf of the boys and girls of the sixth grade, No. 2, I want to thank you for the theater party you gave us for Peter Pan. We thought the story beautiful and the acting splendid and all of use enjoyed it very much. We thought the comedy too was very funny and liked it. We wish you much prosperity in all your endeavors.—Maxine Finley.

Ex-Confederate soldiers in this state should have cause for feeling happy Governor-elect Baker states that one of the first things he will do when he takes office will be to recommend the payment of the pension due these old veterans from the state. Four years' back pension is now due each soldier making a total of \$480 each, for which the state of Missouri is liable. If Governor Baker stands by this report the old Confederates will receive their pension checks early in the spring. Governor Hyde refused to allow these payments of \$10 a month to the old veterans, holding up the appropriation after it had been voted by the state legislature.—Piedmont Banner.

The crap shooters who were operating in the McCoy-Tanner building Saturday night, would like Mayor Felker to have Officer Noblin to stop disturbing them, as one or two of the players and producers have heart trouble.

The Democrat-News is not a political newspaper and does not presume at any time to tell politicians or political parties what they should do or what they should not do. But we are sure we reflect the attitude of an overwhelming majority of the people of Madison county when we vigorously protest against any changes in the personnel of the State Highway Commission, whether by Republican Governor or House, or a Democratic Senate. And we protest with equal vigor any meddling with the duties of that body. The Commission has demonstrated its ability and by an overwhelming vote the state has approved its policies. The Commission should be let alone. Any Governor, or Senator, or Representative, who for party advantage cripples the road program of Missouri ought to go down to political oblivion forever.—Fredericktown Democrat.

That the movement of livestock from Perry County last fall foretold a revival in stock raising that was to establish that industry as a leading one of the county, is borne out by the continued heavy shipments this winter. In November and December the shipping associations here have averaged four carloads weekly, and in the latter month a new record was made when eight carloads were shipped in a single day.

During the years 1921-23, inclusive, state and local taxes increased nearly 15 per cent while federal taxes decreased more than 27 per cent.

Montclair, N. J., now has two policewomen, both of whom have been assigned to the traffic squad.

For the first time in many years, Howell county is out of debt and has a balance of \$9000 left in the county treasury. County warrants are worth 100 cents on the dollar and the finances of the county are in better shape than for a long time. This has been made possible by the co-operation of the court in economically conducting the affairs of the county.—Howell County Gazette.

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Do you know that there are 8,401 farm people in Scott County? That 1953 of this number do not live on farms? That 4,122 are tenants and 2,314 are farm laborers? That 37 farm laborers own their own homes free of mortgage?

These facts are brought out in a study recently made by the United States Department of Agriculture in co-operation with the Bureau of the Census based on the Census enumeration of 1920.

The study is the first of its kind ever made and includes an analysis of the farm people in eight selected counties in the United States. Scott County was chosen as one of these counties because of its highly representative character in the Central West.

The study brought out the fact that for every 100 females of the farm population of Scott County, there are 112 males; 4,274, or between a third and a half of the total farm population are under fifteen years of age; there are 219 illiterates, and 23 people are divorced.

The fathers of 9,169 farm people in Scott County were American born; 491 report Germany as the birthplace of their fathers; 46 report Great Britain and Ireland; Canada is next with 14; Italy, 11, and other countries 173.

Of 221 women in the farm population of Scott County, who are gainfully employed, there are 139 in non-agricultural occupations. General servants lead with 41, and school teachers follow with 45. The list contains 11 housekeepers, 7 clerks in stores, 14 cooks and 5 laundresses.

The study also shows that almost most of the farm people of Scott County are living on farms, there are 1707 farm people living in towns. Of this number there are 540 farm owners, 375 farm tenants; 43 farm managers and 747 farm laborers.

Mrs. Mary Reed spent the week-end in Benton with C. C. Reed and family.

Mart Powell left Saturday for a few weeks' visit with his son, John Powell and family at Campbell.

Notice of Administration

Notice is hereby given, that letters of Administration on the estate of Margaret Simpson, deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 10th day of January, 1925, by the Probate Court of Scott County, Missouri.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within six months after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of said letters, they shall be forever barred.

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CORRESPONDENCE FROM MOREHOUSE

The Palace Hotel of Morehouse was completely destroyed by fire Friday night, the fire caused from unknown origin. The personal property of everyone was saved, with the exception of W. B. Leach and Orval Flour-nay, who occupied rooms on the second floor and were unable to reach them. Mrs. Cal Bradham was the owner of the Hotel and carried \$8000 insurance on the building and \$2000 on the household goods.

On the way to Morehouse from Skeston, Sunday night, A. C. White-ner of Morehouse, saw a woman lying face down in the road near Brown Spur. He drove in to Morehouse and secured the assistance of George Smart, deputy marshal, and returned to the place and carried the woman in to Morehouse, where she received medical attention. The doctor said she was suffering from an epileptic fit. The woman says she doesn't remember anything only that she is from Chicago and that she crossed a river and that she wanted to reach Poplar Bluff.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Glass are the proud parents of a baby girl born on Wednesday, January 14.

Miss Clarinda Bridgewater of Gideon spent the week-end with Mrs. Bryce Edwards and family.

Mrs. W. R. Griffin entertained with a dinner party Sunday complimentary to her son William Marvin, who is attending school at Cape Girardeau. Covers were laid for Misses Beulah Dougherty of Essex, Fern Jones of Buffington and Will Smith of Cape Girardeau.

Harry Himmelberger and family of Cape Girardeau spent Saturday and Sunday night with D. L. Fisher and family. Mr. Himmelberger attended the stockholders' meeting of the Bank of Morehouse Saturday night.

Jean Hirschberg and Miss Helen Grojean were Cape Girardeau visitors Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kendall and daughter of Kewanee spent last week-end in Skeston visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Johnson, Mrs. Ruth Malone and sons Billy, Jr., and Daniel and Teddy Wade were Benton visitors Sunday afternoon.

The Russell-Bradley Missionary Society will serve a banquet to the men and boys of the Methodist Church on Tuesday evening of this week.

The Woman's Club will hold their regular meeting at the City Hall Tuesday afternoon at 2:30. The program for the afternoon will be Press and Publicity, with Mrs. Clint Denman as leader.

The editor of the Signal often wonders if some of the people here who like to have their paper say scurrilous things about others, would be willing to have a real hot communication published over their own names.—Chaffee Signal.

PATROL TO ENFORCE HIGHWAY LAWS URGED

Jefferson City, Jan. 14.—Establishment of a State Highway patrol force, with police powers for regulation of traffic, curbing of speeding and enforcement of the laws against overloading of motor trucks is favored by the State Highway Department, and a bill to establish such a patrol probably will be introduced in the Legislature during the present session.

The patrol should be under the control of the State Highway Commission, State Highway Engineer, Piepmeyer said today, and its police powers, limited to supervision over all State roads outside the corporate limits of municipalities. In placing such a system in operation not more than 35 or 40 men would be needed at the outset, Piepmeyer said, to patrol the roads near the larger cities of the State. The number could be increased as more high type roads are completed in the 7640-mile State highway system.

Such a patrol would save the State many times the cost of the patrol by enforcing the present law fixing a maximum weight of 14 tons for a motor truck and load, Piepmeyer stated. Overloading of trucks results in breaking down the surface and foundation of the roads, Piepmeyer continued, and compels the State to expend thousands of dollars for repairs and maintenance in addition to expenditure required for average maintenance.

The 14-ton maximum in the present law is considered too heavy by the department, which favors a 10 or 12 ton maximum, but no definite maximum weight has been adopted for proposed legislative amendments being drafted by the attorneys in the department.

Maintenance patrols now are operating over most of the State roads, under the supervision of the maintenance division of the highway department, but their work is road maintenance only. The patrols have no police power to deal with violations of the highway laws. Some effort is made by the maintenance patrols to curb overloading of trucks, but they have no authority to make arrests. While the law prohibits overloading of trucks, there is no penalty attached.

As related in the Post-Dispatch, the department plans to expend approximately \$4,000,000 in road maintenance during 1925 and 1926. This is double the amount of maintenance money that was available for the last biennial period. Tentative allotments totaling \$853,000 already have been made to the 10 divisions in which the State is districted for work of the department and will provide for maintenance of 7420 miles of road for the first six months of this year. The allotments for the last half of the year will be increased, it was said, as more State roads will have been completed under contracts now in course of construction.

The Hesse Club will meet with Miss Helen Hess Wednesday afternoon of this week.

Miss Mary Thornton of Cape Girardeau was the week-end guest of Miss Thelma Shy.

Notice of Administration

Notice is hereby given, That Letters Testamentary on the estate of Annette Barnes, deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 26th day of December, 1924, by the Probate Court of Scott County, Missouri.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within six months after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of said letters, they shall be forever barred.

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Notice of Trustee's Sale

WHEREAS, Gelia C. Phillips, a widow, by that certain deed of trust, dated the first day of August, 1917, and filed for record in the Recorder's office of Scott County, Missouri, on the 15th day of October, A. D. 1917 at 10:25 a. m. and recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds within and for said Scott County and State of Missouri in Book 37 at pages 190-1-2-3-4, conveyed to J. E. McPherson, Trustee, the following described real estate situated in the County of Scott and State of Missouri, to-wit:

All of Government Lots Six (6) and Seven (7) of the Northeast quarter and all that part of Government Lots Five (5), Six (6) and Seven (7) of the Northwest quarter lying East of the main channel of Caney Creek; all in Section One (1), Township Twenty-Seven (27) North, Range Twelve (12) East, containing 315 acres more or less.

In trust to secure the payment of Fifteen Thousand (\$5,000) dollars evidenced by one promissory note in the sum of \$15,000, with interest thereon at the rate of 5 per cent per annum payable annually evidenced by five interest notes for the sum of \$750.00 each, and all of said notes bearing interest at the rate of 8 per cent per annum after maturity until paid; and by the terms of said trust deed, same provides that in the event default be made in the payment of the interest upon said note, then both the interest and principal shall, at the election of the payee of said note, become immediately due and payable.

AND WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of the principal indebtedness which matured August 1, 1922, and the legal holders of said note have elected to declare the entire indebtedness secured by said deed of trust, due and payable, immediately, and have elected to exercise their rights to foreclose conferred by the trust deed heretofore referred to.

AND WHEREAS, said deed of trust provides that in the event of the refusal, death, inability or absence from Scott County, Missouri, of the trustee named in said deed of trust to act, then the acting Sheriff of Scott County, Missouri, is to be his successor in trust with full power.

AND WHEREAS, J. E. McPherson, Trustee in said deed of trust, has refused to act and has resigned as said trustee.

NOW THEREFORE, at the request of the legal holders of said note, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, and in pursuance of the conditions in said deed of trust, I, the undersigned acting Sheriff of Scott County, Missouri, as substituted Trustee, will sell the above described property, at public vendue, to the highest bidder for cash, at the front door of the Court House, same being the East entrance thereof, in the City of Benton, County of Scott, State of Missouri, on

Friday, February 13, 1925 between the hours of 9 a. m. and 5 p. m. for the purpose of said trust deed. Title is believed to be good, but I will sell only as Substitute Trustee.

E. A. DYE, Sheriff of Scott County Missouri, Substitute Trustee.

PIEPMAYER APPOINTED TO FEDERAL ROAD BOARD

Jefferson City, January 16.—The Secretary of Agriculture, in conjunction with the president of the American Association of State Highway Officials, has appointed B. H. Piepmeyer chief engineer of the Missouri State Highway Department member of a joint board to select and number the main roads in the United States, which will be recognized as interstate in character. Piepmeyer will represent the Mississippi Valley States on the joint board.

Dr. Felinstein of Morley visited in Skeston Sunday.

Miss Mattie Caldwell was a week-end visitor in Charleston.

L. S. Mitchell spent the week-end in St. Louis with his family.

Murray Tanner was down from St. Louis with his family over Sunday.

Coach Lingle was in Cobden, Ill., over the week-end with homefolks.

FOR RENT—4-room house and garage.—John A. Hitt, phone 416, 2tpd.

Mrs. Josephine Veith spent the week-end with homefolks in Diehlstadt.

Gus Oliver of Dexter has accepted a position with the Scott County Milling Company.

Mrs. Tillman Anderson of Commerce is the house guest of Mrs. W. S. Applegate.

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms for light housekeeping.—Mrs. R. R. Smith, 234 Trotter.

C. L. Whittner of Fredericktown was a business visitor in Skeston the first of the week.

George Van Lear of Charleston was the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Emory Matthews, Sunday.

Mrs. W. S. Applegate will leave Saturday for Paris, Tenn., for a visit with a former schoolmate.

Mrs. W. S. Smith has been quite sick for the past few days, but is some better at this writing.

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Blanton and children were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Blanton, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Malone spent Sunday afternoon in Poplar Bluff visiting with Mrs. Malone's relatives.

Mrs. Fannie Fine left Sunday for her home in New Madrid, after several days visit with Mrs. Walter McGee and family.

Mesdames David Lumsden and Gobel Glass and Miss Stella Adams spent Sunday in Cairo with Mr. and Mrs. Steve Lampley.

Notice of Trustee's Sale

WHEREAS, Roy M. Howlett and Earline Howlett, his wife, by their certain deed of trust dated the 1st day of July, A. D. 1919, and filed for record in the Recorder's office of Scott County, Missouri, on the 15th day of August, A. D. 1919 at 10:00 a. m. and recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds within and for said Scott County and State of Missouri, in book 35 at page 95, conveyed to J. E. McPherson, Trustee, the following described real estate situated in the County of Scott and State of Missouri, to-wit:

The Northwest quarter of Northwest quarter of Section Twenty-eight (28); North Half of Northeast quarter of Section Twenty-Nine (29) Township Twenty-seven (27) North, Range Fourteen (14) East, containing 120 acres more or less.

In trust to secure the payment of \$4,000.00 evidenced by one promissory note in the sum of \$4,000.00 with interest thereon at the rate of 5 1/2 per cent per annum payable annually evidenced by five interest notes for the sum of \$220.00 each, and all of said notes bearing interest at the rate of 8 per cent per annum after maturity until paid; and by the terms of said trust deed same provides that in the event default be made in the payment of the interest upon said note, then both the interest and principal shall, at the election of the payee of said note, become immediately due and payable.

AND WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of the interest coupon due July 1st, 1924, and the legal holders of said note have elected to declare the entire indebtedness secured by said deed of trust, due and payable immediately, and have elected to exercise their rights to foreclose conferred by the trust deed heretofore referred to.

AND WHEREAS, said deed of trust provides that in the event of the refusal, death, inability or absence from Scott County, Missouri, of the Trustee named in said deed of trust to act, then the acting Sheriff of Scott County, Missouri, is to be his successor in trust with full power.

AND WHEREAS, J. E. McPherson, Trustee in said deed of trust has refused to act and has resigned as said trustee.

NOW THEREFORE, at the request of the legal holders of said note, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, and in pursuance of the conditions in said deed of trust, I, the undersigned acting Sheriff of Scott County, Missouri, as substituted Trustee, will sell the above described property at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash at the front door of the Court House, same being the East entrance thereof in the City of Benton, County of Scott, State of Missouri, on

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Sheriff of Scott County, Missouri, Substitute Trustee.

UNDERWOOD SHOALS BILL FINALLY PASSES SENATE

Washington, Jan. 14.—The Underwood Muscle Shoals bill passed the Senate on a final vote today. The measure, which would authorize the lease of the property to private interests, differs radically from the Muscle Shoals bill passed by the House at the last session, and these differences must be ironed out in conference before either measure can become law.

The vote today, however, at least means a temporary end to the Senate fight, which has been in progress since this session began. The roll call showed 50 Senators in favor of the Underwood bill to 30 opposed.

C. F. Bruton, of Skeston, one of Southeast Missouri's leading real estate dealers, was here Wednesday looking after some business matters. Mr. Bruton predicts that 1925 will see a wonderful revival in real estate values in this section of the state.—Bloomfield Vindicator.

DREADFUL PAINS

Georgia Lady, Who Had Lost Too Much Weight, Was Advised to Take Cardui and Is Now Well.

Columbus, Ga.—Mrs. George S. Hunter, of this city, writes: "After I married, thirteen months ago, I suffered with dreadful pains in my sides during ... My side hurt so bad it nearly killed me. I had to go to bed and stay sometimes two weeks at a time. I could not work and I just dragged around the house.

"I got very thin—I went from 126 pounds down to less than 100. My mother had long been a user of Cardui and she knew what a good medicine it was for this trouble, so she told me to get some and take it. I sent to the store after it and before I had taken the first bottle I began to improve.

"My side hurt less and I began to improve in health.... The Cardui acted as a fine tonic and I do not feel like the same person. I am so much better. I am well now. I have gained ten pounds and am still gaining. My sides do not trouble me at all.

"I wish every suffering woman knew about Cardui." NC-160

Take CARDUI THE WOMAN'S TONIC

An opener for cans has been invented that holds them between jaws as it cuts out their tops, preventing the tin injuring user's hands.

A Washington architect wants to remodel the Capitol so as to give the Senate chamber an outside exposure. There are some critics of Senatorial procedure who think that a little inside exposure would be equally desirable.—Southren Lumberman.

Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic For Pale, Delicate Women and Children. 60c

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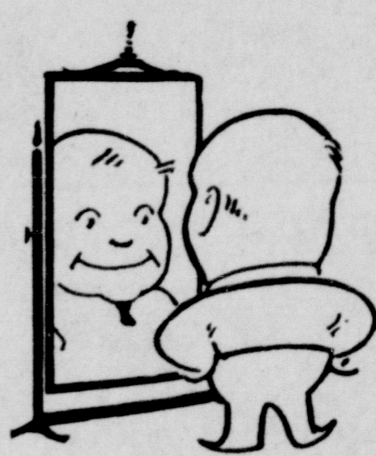
Many sufferers have been made very happy over the results obtained from the use of PAZO OINTMENT—60c at any Drug Store. (Follow the Directions Carefully.)

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MALONE THEATRE BENEFIT U. D. C.

Wednesday, January 21st Afternoon and Night

The Following PROGRAM OF MUSIC will be given at the theatre in connection with the picture:

BROKEN LAWS

Mrs. Moore Greer Dick and Clay Stubbs Mrs. Carl Freeman, Violin Solo Miss Emma Moorehead, Vocal Solo

## THE GOLDEN WEDDING OF MR. AND MRS. SIKES

January 17, 1925, was the 50th anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Sikes of this city and in honor of the occasion their children, A. C. Sikes, W. H. Sikes and Mrs. E. Lindsay Brown, prepared a program and a feast to which many neighbors, friends and relatives were invited.

In the receiving line to assist Mr. and Mrs. Sikes were Mr. and Mrs. William Pharris, who celebrated their golden wedding last year, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Baker, who will have been married 50 years next month, and Mrs. Hita Harris, who with her husband now in a St. Louis hospital, will celebrate their golden wedding in March of this year.

Almost one hundred guests passed these grand old people and gave them the hand of good wishes for the future, and congratulations for the noble lives they have lived.

Soon after the guests had assembled Mr. and Mrs. Sikes led the way to the dining room, where a most excellent repast was set before them.

After the feast, W. H. Sikes announced that but one guest was in attendance who was present at the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Sikes and called on G. B. Greer, a younger brother of Mrs. Sikes to say a few words about the courtship and marriage of the young couple. Mr. Greer stated that he was but a small boy at the time of the courtship and marriage, and had but a hazy recollection of the occasion. He said he could picture the log house, 25x25 feet with a room above where the family lived, and could see his sister doing the chores about the house to assist his mother, and that he could picture a very determined young man, who was just as tenacious in his young days as he is now, who was paying court to his sweetheart, and that he could picture this young man sending the children out of the room that he might speak a few sweet words to the girl of his choice. Then he could imagine the face of the girl turning red, but not blushing, while she asked for time to think the matter over, for this young woman had many suitors, but at last consented to take him for better or for worse. He could also see Frank Sikes working his one mule, "Drag" hard all week, and driving "Drag" hard every Sunday. Then he could see them married and on the road to Frank's farm south of Sikeston with the faithful "Drag" pulling the buggy. The rest of the story was left to those present who know of the progress of this wonderful couple, who have fought side by side for 50 years to raise their family and to be of some benefit to the community in which they live.

It was then stated that one man present could tell of the pranks and devilment that Frank Sikes was guilty of as a student in school, if he would, as they were room mates for two years while students at the Acadia Academy. This gentleman was John O. Long, of Cadet, Mo., but like a good scout, he refused to tell tales out of school, much to the disappointment of all.

Rev. Thos. B. Mather, as usual, gave a beautiful talk on the life and character of this wonderful couple, and spoke the unanimous sentiments of all when he wished them happiness to the end.

Mrs. Maggie Moore Lillard, of Columbus, Ky., then read two of the creations of Edgar A. Guest, that were very appropriate to the occasion, as follows:

**Telling It to the Children**  
Well, you see I met your mother at a wedding, long ago,  
And though I was four and twenty,  
Up to then I didn't know  
That in all our busy city, which I've  
traveled up and down,  
There was such a lovely creature,  
with such lustrous eyes of brown;  
But the minute that I saw her, I just  
stared and stared,  
And right then I should have hugged  
her and have kissed her, if I  
dared!

She was acting as the bridesmaid, I  
was best man for the groom,  
And of course the bride was lovely,  
but the loveliest in the room.  
Wasn't just then getting married, was  
my thought, as I stood there,  
For I couldn't keep from staring at  
your mother, I declare,  
And I couldn't keep from thinking, as  
we knelt there, side by side,  
There must be another wedding, and  
she must be the bride.

Well, the wedding party scattered,  
bride and groom and guests and  
all,  
But I asked that lovely bridesmaid if  
she'd let me call;  
And she blushed and gave permission,  
and when Sunday morning  
came  
I bought a box of candy, with a very  
famous name,  
And I went up there to see her and  
her Pa and Ma were there;  
And I wanted so to kiss her—but of  
course I didn't dare.  
Now that's how I met your mother—  
and 'twas twenty years ago,  
And there was another wedding—just  
the one I'd longed to know,  
For one lovely Sunday evening when  
I went up there to call,  
I caught her up and kissed her, as we  
lingered in the hall,  
And we planned right then to marry  
it was love that made me bold—  
Now that's how I met your mother—  
but don't tell her that I told.

**Mother Tells Her Story**  
When first I met your father, it was  
at a wedding, dears,  
And he wore a high white collar  
which stretched right up to his  
ears;  
He was thin and short and nervous,  
and his dress coat didn't fit,  
And I didn't like the way he dressed  
his hair a little bit;  
It was parted in the middle, and it  
looped across his brow,  
And I never dreamed that evening  
I'd be married to him now.  
I knew a dozen fellows who were  
handsomer than he,  
And all of them were richer, and  
they thought a lot of me;  
And they bought me flowers and  
candy every time they came to  
call,  
So this meeting with your father  
didn't mean much after all;  
And besides his ways annoyed me,  
I'd have told him if I dared,  
That I didn't like his manner and the  
vulgar way he stared.

Well, next Sunday after dinner he  
came up to call on me  
And stayed so long that Grandma  
then invited him for tea;  
After that he came so often that your  
Grandpa used to say:  
"That skinny gawk is driving all the  
healthy stock away!"  
But somehow I'd grown to like him  
and I marveled that I could,  
For he never tried to kiss me—though  
I often wished he would.  
Now that's all there is to tell you—  
by next June I was his bride,  
But before that I had made him part  
his hair upon the side,  
And I'd made him change his collars,  
and I'd slicked him up a lot,  
For I taught him what he should do,  
and things which he should not.  
But now don't tell I've told you—  
that's the way I met your dad.  
Would I do the same thing over?  
Well—he hasn't been so bad!

Most of the guests present had  
turned the half way point of the three  
score and ten allotted to life, and  
most all of them were reminded of  
their courtship and marriage when  
the old-time and tuneful songs of  
"When You and I Were Young Maggie",  
and "Silver Threads Among the Gold",  
were sung by those present.

**When You and I Were Young, Maggie**  
I wandered today to the hill, Maggie,  
To watch the scene below;  
The creek and the creaking old mill,  
Maggie,  
As we used to long ago.  
The green grove is gone from the hill,  
Maggie,

Where first the daisies sprang;  
The creaking old mill is still, Maggie,  
When you and I were young.

And now we are aged and gray, Mag-  
gie,  
Let us sing of the days that are gone,  
Maggie,  
When you and I were young.  
A city so silent and lone, Maggie,  
Where the young and the gay and  
the best,  
In polished white mansions of stone,  
Maggie,  
Have each found a place to rest,  
Is built where the birds used to play,  
Maggie,  
And join in the songs that were sung;  
For we sang as gay as they, Maggie,  
When you and I were young.

**Chorus.**  
They say I am feeble with age, Mag-  
gie,  
My steps are less sprightly than then,  
My face is a well-written page, Mag-  
gie,  
But time alone was the pen.  
They say we are aged and gray, Mag-  
gie,  
As sprays by the white breakers  
flung;

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But to me you're as fair as you were,  
Maggie,  
When you and I were young.  
Chorus.

**Silver Threads Among The Gold**  
Darling, I am growing old,  
Silver threads among the gold,  
Shine upon my brow today,  
Life is fading fast away.  
But, my darling, you will be, will be,  
Always young and fair to me,  
Yes, my darling, you will be  
Always young and fair to me.  
Chorus.

Darling, I am growing old,  
Silver threads among the gold,  
Shine upon my brow today,  
Life is fading fast away.  
When your hair is silver white,  
And your cheeks no longer bright,  
With the roses of the May,  
I will kiss your lips and say,  
Oh, my darling, mine alone, alone,  
You have never older grown,  
Yes, my darling, mine alone,  
You have never older grown.  
Chorus.

Love can never grow old,  
Locks may lose their brown and gold,  
Cheeks may fade and hollow grow,  
But the hearts that love will know,  
Never, never winter's frost and chill,  
Summer warmth is in them still,  
Never winter's frost and chill,  
Summer warmth is in them still.  
Chorus.

Love is always young and fair,  
What to us is silver hair;  
Faded cheeks, or steps grown slow,  
To the hearts that beats below?  
Since I kissed you mine alone, alone,  
You have never older grown,  
Since I kissed you mine alone,  
You have never older grown.  
Chorus.

These songs were beautiful to all  
of us who are nearing the end of our  
journey, and we are safe to say that  
every heart was touched when these  
songs were given. They were sad on  
this occasion, but beautiful and won-  
derful to us of long ago.

Those present besides the bride  
and groom, were: Mr. and Mrs. L.  
M. Stallcup, Mr. and Mrs. James  
Klein, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Ross, Mr.  
and Mrs. T. A. Slack, Mr. and Mrs.  
Walter Clymer, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. L.  
Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay  
Brown, of Charleston, Mr. and Mrs.  
John C. Corrigan, Poplar Bluff; Mr.  
and Mrs. J. W. Baker, Sr., Mr. and  
Mrs. A. J. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs.  
F. McMullin, Mr. and Mrs. Edw.  
Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Rode-  
man, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Smith, Mr.  
and Mrs. C. D. Matthews, Mr. and  
Mrs. Pharris, Mr. and Mrs. John  
Long, Cadet, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs.

## SIKESTON TO PLAY FOUR GAMES IN WEEK

The Sikeston high school basket-  
ball team will play four games with  
other high school teams this week.  
On Wednesday they will meet Van-  
duser; on Thursday, Mat-  
thews; on Friday and Monday on Sat-  
urday.

If the weather permits a large  
crowd of rooters will accompany our  
team and pep them up. The Sikeston  
team is carrying a large handi-  
cap having no home court to prac-  
tice on. Still, we have some keen  
players and are hoping to win every  
one of these games.

Marie Brown, Charleston; Mr. and  
Mrs. Frank Van Borne, Mr. and  
Mrs. Oliver French, Charleston; Mr.  
and Mrs. F. H. Smith, Mr. and Mrs.  
E. Light Brown, Charleston; Mr.  
and Mrs. H. A. Smith, Mr. and Mrs.  
E. Crowe, Dexter; Mr. and Mrs. C.  
L. Anton, Rev. and Mrs. Thos. B.  
Maer, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sikes,  
Maer; Mrs. W. H. Sikes, Mrs. Hita  
Harris, Mrs. Kate L. Cook, Mrs. Mol-  
liemong, Mrs. Laura Slack, Mrs. Mol-  
liemong, Mrs. Bettie Matthews,  
Mrs. Florence Marshall, Mrs. Kate  
Harris, Mrs. Laura Smith, Mrs. O.  
Kendall, Mrs. Robert Lillard, Col-  
umbus, Ky., G. M. Greer, Leland P.  
Lyle, Kendall Sikes, G. B. Greer, E.  
Lay Brown, Jr., Charleston; Miss  
Avey Chaney, Miss Lydia Chaney,  
Margaret Harris, Miss P. Mary  
Fzell, Cape Girardeau; Miss Vir-  
gie Matthews, Mary Jane Sikes.

This grand old couple who have  
weathered down life's pathway, hand  
in hand, for fifty years, is an in-  
spiration for our young people who  
well follow their example and  
sweethearts to the end.

The woodshed belonging to I. N.  
ham, corner of School and Daniel  
streets, was destroyed by fire Thurs-  
day evening about 7:00 o'clock. The  
work of the firemen saved all  
surrounding property from being  
damaged.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C.  
Walter Clymer, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. L.  
Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay  
Brown, of Charleston, Mr. and Mrs.  
John C. Corrigan, Poplar Bluff; Mr.  
and Mrs. J. W. Baker, Sr., Mr. and  
Mrs. A. J. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs.  
F. McMullin, Mr. and Mrs. Edw.  
Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Rode-  
man, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Smith, Mr.  
and Mrs. C. D. Matthews, Mr. and  
Mrs. Pharris, Mr. and Mrs. John  
Long, Cadet, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs.

## SUNDAY EVE FIRE CALLS OUT COMPANY

About 7:30 o'clock Sunday evening  
the fire truck answered a call to  
North Ranney Street to fight a bad  
blaze in the house, occupied by Mrs.  
Rankin and family and Mr. and Mrs.  
Jenkins.

The fire had a pretty good start and  
it looked at first as though the house  
would be a total loss, but after a  
while the fire burned a hole in the  
north gable of the house through  
which the firemen could place the  
water direct on the fire. The house  
belonged to A. Meyer of St. Louis  
and carried sufficient insurance to  
cover the loss. Most of the house-  
hold goods of the two families oc-  
cupying the house were removed, but  
the loss to them is severe for neither  
carried insurance.

## HIGH SCHOOL FURNITURE DISPLAY

The furniture made by the manual  
training students of the Sikeston  
High School will be on display in the  
O. K. Drug Store windows, Wednes-  
day, Thursday and Friday.

The display will consist of chairs,  
writing desks, tables and many other  
useful things that help make up a  
modern home.

This display is for the people who  
are interested in school work. Don't  
fail to see the furniture display at  
the above named store.

### Randolph-Keasler

Miss Mildred Keasler and Herschel  
Randolph, both of this city, were  
married at the Methodist parsonage  
at Cairo, Ill., Friday morning of last  
week, with Miss Elizabeth Keasler, a  
sister of the bride, and Carl Lawrence  
as witnesses.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and  
Mrs. W. H. Keasler of this city and  
has been with the Sikeston Mercan-  
tile Company for the past few years.

Mr. Randolph is a traveling sales-  
man for a meat house of Cairo.

The splendid couple will make  
their home in Sikeston.

Mrs. Effie Hunter is the house guest  
of Mrs. W. H. Tanner and family.  
The Grand, Tom Arnold's new  
picture show, is expected to be ready  
for business by February 1, or soon  
after, as Contractor Young has a full  
force of carpenters and painters on  
the job. He opera chairs and the  
picture machine have arrived.

## BUSINESS BUILDING OF SHEPHERD-BLANTON

S. N. Shepherd and Chas. Blanton,  
Jr., have purchased the piece of  
ground to the east of the Hotel Mar-  
shall and will erect a brick building  
on same, work to commence about  
the first of March. The building will  
contain two store rooms each 20x80  
feet, both of which have been leased  
for a term of ten years.

One of The Standard force inter-  
viewed Mayor Felker, last week, as  
to his rumored building, but was told  
that nothing had been settled as to  
size, as to the kind to build, and most  
important, as to where the money  
was to be secured to erect the build-  
ing. However, Mayor Felker said he  
hoped to be able to put up a building  
containing store rooms on the first  
floor with flats above.

The rumor that a three story brick  
would go up on the block now oc-  
cupied by the Hilleman Tire Co. Isaac's  
the Tailor and Cole's Studio, The  
Standard believes is an assured fact,  
though no contract has yet been en-  
tered into by the owners of the  
ground.

The good turn of the bolly cotton  
will be the means of furnishing the  
money for many new houses and  
much remodeling when the spring  
opens.

## SPECIAL SESSION OF CITY COUNCIL

The fact of several Southern gen-  
tleman being in our community of  
late supposedly to get negro families  
to return to the cotton fields of the  
South, caused considerable consterna-  
tion in certain quarters the past few  
days. In fact, there was a regular  
flare-up by some local farmers who  
employ many colored families.

Mayor Felker was prevailed upon to  
call a special session of the City  
Council for Friday night and the fol-  
lowing ordinance was passed:

Be it ordained by the Board of Al-  
dermen of the City of Sikeston as  
follows:

Section 1—Any person who shall in  
the City of Sikeston, engage in the  
employment of labor for the purpose  
of providing labor for any industry or  
for any company or for any individ-  
ual shall first secure a license permit-  
ting him or her to employ or secure  
said labor.

Section 2—That such person or  
persons acting as such employers of  
labor shall pay a license of \$500.00  
per day and the necessary fees for  
issuing said license.

Section 3—Any person or persons  
violating any section or part of this  
ordinance shall upon conviction be  
fined not to exceed \$100.00 or thirty  
days in jail, or by both such fine and  
imprisonment.

Section 4—All ordinances or parts  
of ordinances in conflict herewith are  
hereby repealed.

Read first, second and third times  
and passed and approved this 16th  
day of January, 1925.

Approved by C. E. FELKER, Mayor  
Attest by:

Maene S. Pitman, City Clerk.

This ordinance speaks for itself,  
but it is doubtful if such a thing  
would stand in court; we think not,  
but if it has the desired effect, it will  
have answered its purpose.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Edmonson of  
Kennett were Sunday visitors of Mr.  
and Mrs. Chas. H. Yanson and fam-  
ily.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirk and son and  
Mrs. Palima Kirk of Charleston were  
visitors of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Kor-  
negger, Sunday.

Mrs. Clarence Felker, Harry  
Dover, L. M. Schreff and Harry  
Young spent Thursday in Poplar  
Bluff visiting friends.

Mrs. Howard O'Neil of Poplar Bluff  
is the guest of her mother, Mrs. E.  
L. Richards, at the home of Mr. and  
Mrs. O. W. McCutchen.

C. L. Blanton and family and Jno.  
Louis Watkins and family of Van-  
duser, were dinner guests of Mr.  
and Mrs. Craven Watkins, Sunday.

Mrs. Elizabeth Cottle of Cape Gir-  
ardeau spent Sunday with Mr. and  
Mrs. John Simlar and family. Sun-  
day afternoon Mrs. Simlar, Mrs. Cot-  
tle and Mrs. Fred Bowman and son  
visited friends in Charleston.

Dr. P. M. Malcolm was taken to  
St. Louis Thursday night for further  
medical examination. He has been  
in a serious condition for many  
weeks and a change for the better  
must come soon. His friends are  
hoping some relief can be given him  
and that he will yet be out.

## HARRY OBERSON, 29 SEVERELY BURNED

The readers of The Standard will  
recall an article printed recently of  
four girls from the Charleston vicin-  
ity running from a negro house west  
of Sikeston and seeking protection at  
the home of Frank Albright. Well,  
while this was a sensational story and  
without names that we could have  
supplied, it was a true story.

Well, this same negro house was  
the scene of some sort of festivities  
Saturday night and Sheriff Wade  
Tucker of New Madrid County came  
along and scattered the crowd of mix-  
ed whites and blacks.

Of the whites at this negro joint  
was Harry Oberson, and a carload of  
friends consisting of four girls and  
two boys. This party concluded to  
stop by the roadside and build a  
fire, which they proceeded to do. Hav-  
ing a hard time to make the fire burn,  
a liberal amount of gasoline was  
drawn from the car and applied. It  
started the fire all right and set fire  
to the clothing of Oberson, 29 years  
of age, and living 3 miles west of  
Morley. He was brought to Sikeston,  
where Dr. J. H. Yount, assisted by  
Dr. Glenn Fish, dressed his wounds.  
He was severely burned about the  
face, neck and hands, and a large  
blister raised on his side. The skin  
from his hands and forearms was  
blistered until it hung in shreds. No  
others of the party were injured. Dr.  
Yount advised Oberson to go to a  
hospital to receive the attention he  
must have to recover.

This negro joint is on the Dan Mc-  
Coy farm and the negroes should be  
removed from the neighborhood be-  
fore a hanging takes place or the en-  
raged neighbors pull the house down.  
Sheriff Tucker visited the Honka-  
Tonk on the Smith farm, just south  
of town, the same night and warn-  
ed the two or three hundred whites  
and blacks there assembled, to dis-  
perse and stop their meetings, else  
he would close the house for one year.

This has long been a source of  
annoyance to the public and should  
be abated, before a serious race riot  
starts. Just imagine the class of  
whites who attend these negro frolics.

## THE SHOE FACTORY ISSUES STATEMENT

Jos. L. Matthews, trustee for shoe  
factory committee, has received the  
following statement showing the  
amount expended in Sikeston from  
January 1 to December 31, 1924:

Wages paid to resident	employees .....	\$238,888.63
Amount expended with lo-	cal merchants .....	11,724.87
Total .....		\$250,613.50
Amount previously	reported .....	43,268.71

Total to Dec. 31....\$293,882.21

W. L. Hutts the local superintendent,  
repts 447 people employed at  
\$2,880.00 per day, or \$7,600.00 per  
week. The contract entered into be-  
tween the citizens of Sikeston and  
officials of the International Shoe  
Co. requires that \$1,400,000.00 be ex-  
pended within ten years for help in  
the factory before the property is  
deeded to the International Shoe Co.

The factory force is being increas-  
ed rapidly and it is expected the full  
force of 800 people will be on duty  
before the summer is over.

The Standard is very proud of the  
change made in conditions of many  
families by the clean employment giv-  
en in this factory.

Judge Hoke of Parma was a Sikes-  
ton visitor, Sunday.

Mrs. J. C. Horne was delightfully  
surprised with a handkerchief show-  
er at her home on Kathleen avenue,  
by the ladies of the Baptist Church  
last Thursday night.

Miss Gladys Mae Schrum returned  
to Sikeston Saturday from Little  
Rock, Ark., where she attended the  
annual Bell Telephone Operators Con-  
vention this past week.

Mrs. Ed Crowe of Dexter spent the  
week-end with her mother, Mrs.  
Laura Smith. Mr. Crowe joined her  
Saturday evening to attend the party  
given at the home of Mr. and Mrs.  
F. M. Sikes Saturday evening.

Max Borowsky, brother of Mrs. L.  
Becker of Sikeston, and for some  
time connected with the Becker store  
here, has purchased and taken charge  
of the stock of general merchandise  
of the Tiger-Levine Co. of Manila,  
Ark. The Standard wishes Max every  
success with his mercantile business  
in his new location.

## SKESTON STANDARD

C. L. BLANTON, EDITOR

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Great minds differ on many things. While the editor of The Herald thinks one way on what is best for the good of the community, the editor of The Standard has a few things coming. The difference between these great minds are: one is afraid to think out loud for fear of making someone mad and the other doesn't care whether it suits or not. The editor of The Standard believes it is much better to issue a pointed warning, that most generally has the desired effect, than to wait until disgrace overtakes the parties, or possible bloodshed. It is safe to say that parties to some quiet meetings, that has been thinly veiled in The Standard, have thought enough of same, to guard their actions a little more closely or cut out these meetings altogether. The Standard could print the names all right, but remembers the fate of Brand of the leonoclast, who proved his case and was killed for it.

For some time past The Standard job shop and newspaper plant has been so congested that it has been necessary for the editor to devote nearly his entire time along with the mechanics, in order to keep up the works. For this reason our news section of The Standard has been considerably neglected. The business future in this city looks extremely bright and in order to keep abreast of the times, the management has secured from the School of Journalism at Columbia, Mo., the services of Miss Helen Dahnke, who will be with us February 1. Miss Dahnke is a graduate of the University of Missouri, has had special training in the newspaper field, and The Standard feels that she will greatly strengthen our force. She will devote her entire time to front office work and we bespeak for her a hearty welcome in Skeston.

We are told that the past few weeks have made such a change in the cotton fields that nearly every cotton farmer has made money instead of losing as was believed. Hundreds of loads of bolls have been gathered from fields abandoned, which has been a wonderful thing. Many farmers who have been in debt to the banks have paid out and have money to operate this season. It has been a surprise to note what a stimulating effect being out of debt has had on some of our farmers who thought they were hopelessly in debt. They are full of fight and look on the future in a different light.

The Standard believes enough colored families will remain in the Skeston District to enable our farmers to put out and attend a sufficient acreage of cotton. The community is better off without some of the colored citizens, but those who have proven their worth and remain here, should be given every encouragement to make good citizens. They should be given just treatment in every way and protected from sharpers who prey on them. Many of these families are thrifty and are trying to better their condition in every way. We need their help and they need ours.

It is too bad that Skeston has been unable to wake up its Chamber of Commerce that went to sleep last summer. A Chamber of Commerce is badly needed in every city the size of Skeston, and at this time, with so many needed improvements, should be functioning regularly. We must have a sewer system, more paved streets, more houses for those who wish to move here, and the Chamber of Commerce should be revived in order to help put these things over.

To obtain results that are worth while in a community, to do work that is followed by a constantly increasing return of prosperity and growth to a community, to do work that makes it possible for other people to live more contentedly and easier in your home community, is a much more difficult accomplishment than making money, but the object is more worth while.

A democracy will survive on a basis of equality and equal taxation, not by building up special privileges and tax exemptions for a few.

Forty-one women are now eligible to practice law in Great Britain.

PETER PAN LETTERS TO  
MANAGER M'CUTCHEEN

We appreciated it and you are very nice to invite us to the show. The part I liked the best, was where Peter Pan was fighting the pirate. And we thank you very much.—Robert Cauthorn.

I was glad you invited us to your show yesterday. I thought it was a good show. The best part was Peter Pan. I thought the rest was good too. I wish I could see every one of your pictures.—Leroy Love.

When you invited all the school to see Peter Pan, I went to it. When you gave us an invitation to see the show we were all glad, for we knew it would be good. I sure liked where he flew around and I liked to see those mermaids. We sure appreciated it. I think it was the best show I ever saw. I hope you will have more shows like it. If you do, I think I will come to see it.—Alvin Nicholson.

I enjoyed the show very much. I also enjoyed the invitation to it. It was one of the best shows ever. I think all the others enjoyed the show also.—Gail Taylor.

I thank you very much for the invitation to the show. I surely liked the picture of Peter Pan the best of all.—Alma Buchholz.

I liked the show of Peter Pan very much and think it very kind of you to let us in free. I enjoyed it fine and all the other children I heard speak of it, did too. Some had to leave before it was over. Most everyone in our room went and each one was telling the other how he liked it. A little girl told me it was the best show she ever went to, and her mother said it was fine.—Dorothy E. Hulse.

As a member of the sixth grade No. 3, I want to thank you for the privilege of seeing Peter Pan. It was one of the best pictures we have seen and especially did we like Betty Bronson as Peter Pan in her acting on Captain Hook's boat. It was certainly generous of you to permit us to go. Many of us could not have seen the picture. Wishing you much success in your business.—Gustine Swanagan.

I sure did appreciate the show yesterday. The pictures were good. I appreciate coming to see the show yesterday. Can hardly think today, you had so much to show.—Lucy May Scott.

I enjoyed the show very well. I think Peter Pan was the best part about it. I hope you will have some more free shows. I am coming to the show Friday night. I enjoy it.—Harry Golightly.

I think it very fine of you to let the school children in free to see Peter Pan Monday and Tuesday afternoons. I'm quite sure every boy and girl that has seen your wonderful show appreciated it. I am going to tell everybody what you have done to make the school children happy. We appreciate it very much.—Virginia Randall.

It sure was nice of you to invite us to Peter Pan, and I sure enjoyed it. It was the best picture I have seen and I bet everybody enjoyed it too. Everybody that I knew just told everybody they knew.—John Whidden.

I went to the show Monday and Tuesday. It sure was kind of you to let us in the show free. I think it was the best free show you have ever had and I guess you will let us in free many more times. But one thing was, that most of the boys whistled when Peter Pan started. You have been so good to us, that we will invite you to school some time. We sure did appreciate it.—Vivian Glover.

We, the pupils of the fourth grade, enjoyed the show of Peter Pan. It was certainly a good show and I thank you for inviting me and the rest of the room. They all enjoyed your show I know.—Thomas Price, Carroll.

I surely thank you for inviting us over to see Peter Pan free, and I enjoyed it very much, and the rest of them enjoyed it too. I liked the comedy, too. I liked the part where Peter Pan and the rest were on the ship with the pirates and I think the other boys did too.—Allan Swaim.

I enjoyed Peter Pan very much. It was the best show I've seen. I am certainly glad you invited us. But I don't know how the children flew.—Marjorie Mow.

I liked the show of Peter Pan very much and I thought I would write and tell you how much I enjoyed it and I want to thank you very much for admitting us free.—Laura Wright.

I thought I would write you a letter, thanking you for letting me in to see Peter Pan at the show Monday afternoon. I liked the show so very well, that I wished to see it again. I thank you a hundred and a hundred times for letting me see the show.—Z. W. Killgore.

I am going to write you a letter to tell you how much I enjoyed your show, which all school children were admitted free. So I am going to tell you what parts I liked best. The

main part was where Peter Pan and his band were fighting the pirates. Although I liked it all, but the funniest of all was in the comedy where the girl was feeding the stock and chickens Mexican jumping beans.—Orlen Byrd.

I liked the show you invited us to very much and I thought I would write and tell you how I liked it. I am in the fifth grade. The rest of the children that I saw who went to the show said they liked it, too.—Atlanta Bridges.

I thank you very much for inviting the seventh grade to see the picture of Peter Pan. It was very interesting and the most interesting picture I have ever seen. It was very kind of you to invite us. Our teacher, Miss Bowman, said she thought it would be nice for us to tell you how much we enjoyed the picture. I think all the seventh grade enjoyed it very much. I think you should have a "thimble" as well as many thanks.—Ruby Stewart.

I want to thank you for the kind invitation to see Peter Pan. The picture was very interesting, for it was the best picture I have ever seen. Miss Bowman, our teacher, said she thought it would be nice for us to write and tell you how much we liked it. It was very nice of you to invite us to see the picture because some of us may not have gotten to see it. I think you need a "thimble" as well as Peter Pan.—Christina Glover.

We sure appreciate your show. I liked Wendy's part. Wendy looked like the mother. Tinker Bell was so funny. I think the part of Peter Pan was the best of all and the lost boys were good boys. It was so good I could have stayed all night. I wish every kid in town could have seen it.—Alfreda Warren.

I surely did enjoy the show yesterday. It was good. I liked Wendy and Peter Pan where they were in Never Never Land. I liked the comedy too and Peter Pan where they were flying in the air and where the big dog put the little boy in bed and where Peter Pan flew in the window.—Orlan Heath.

I was sorry that I didn't get to go to the show, but I guess it was good. I wish I could have gone.—James Smart.

I went to your picture show. It was fine. I liked every picture that I saw. I appreciate it. Maybe I will have a play or a show. I will invite you to mine. I hope you have another free show on Easter day.—Marvin Ferrell.

Peter Pan has been the best show in Skeston and I sure liked it. Peter Pan was the best part about it and it was a good picture and Peter Pan was real good. I appreciate you letting us go free.—Harry Shuffit.

I enjoyed your show and invitation I thought that in the comedy, where the old man jumped off of the barn forward and then backward, and a car came along the road, which was going fast and took the stack away and he fell on the hard ground and in Peter Pan I thought the cutest was where the dog got tied and where the children were flying around the nursery, was best. I enjoyed it all, but that best. I also enjoyed your story book and invitation and appreciate your good comedy and Peter Pan show.—Virginia Baker.

I sure appreciate your show. The best of all was Peter Pan with the mother and the children, where he wanted Wendy and her brother to go home with him.—Christine Sickman.

I was at the show yesterday and I liked it very much. Peter Pan sure played good and he was a brave boy. Tinker Bell was a brave girl.—Louise Jackson.

I enjoyed the show very well. I think Peter Pan and the lost boys were the best. I think you were very nice to let us in free. I thank you for the invitation.—Stanley Hayden.

I enjoyed Peter Pan very much. Do you think it was as good as "The

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Covered Wagon" or "North of 36"? I think it was.—Phillip Bailey Parker.

I am writing for the sixth grade No. 1 to tell you how much we appreciated seeing Peter Pan Tuesday afternoon. We liked the fighting of Peter Pan and the lost boys against the pirates and also when Peter Pan taught the Darlings Children to fly. Most of us thought this picture was the best we had seen.—Bland Wright.

As one of our many guests at the Monday matinee, I wish to thank you for the privilege of allowing me to attend the fairy land of "Peter Pan", which I most sincerely enjoyed. I think you should have a "thimble" for every year you have lived.—Pauline Wedel.

I thank you very much for inviting the seventh grade to see the picture of Peter Pan. I think we all enjoyed the picture and our teacher, Miss Bowman, thought it would be nice to write and tell you how we enjoyed it. I think Fairy Land is very beautiful, and I would like to go visit "Never Never Land" for awhile.—Gertrude Johnson.

I am thanking you for the privilege of allowing me to attend your Peter Pan show. I think it was very nice of you indeed, to think of us school children. I don't want to ever finish school if us children are that of every time a good show comes in. I think it was the best show I have ever seen or ever will see. I think you need a thimble for every year you have lived, don't you? Ever since the Peter Pan show the seventh grade boys have been teasing us about thimbles. Peter Pan was very fond of thimbles, was he not? Our teacher, Miss Melvin Bowman, insist that we should write and let you know how much we did appreciate the show.—Alma Jones.

I want to thank you for the kind invitation to attend the show Peter Pan Tuesday afternoon. I am sure every boy and girl in the 8th grade enjoyed it very much.—Frances Green.

I want to thank you for the privilege we had of attending the show, "Peter Pan", Tuesday afternoon. I am confident everyone present enjoyed it.—Audrey Sizemore.

I want to thank you for the kind invitation to attend the picture show last Monday afternoon. I think it was very kind of you to have us come. The picture of Peter Pan and also the comedy was very interesting. I don't think so of us could have gone if it were not for you and Mr. Ellise. Loads of thanks and barrels of thimbles.—Cira Trousdale.

I thank you very much for your kindness in letting the pupils in the show. I never saw such a fine show before as Peter Pan. I have had a picture in my mind ever since Tuesday afternoon I enjoyed myself very much.—Roy Healy.

The comedy saw at your theatre Monday afternoon was the best I have seen for a long time. Peter Pan was an excellent picture and almost made a person believe in fairies. I want to thank you for giving a free matinee for all the Elementary School children. I enjoyed it very much.—Robert Struve.

I want to thank you for inviting me to see Peter Pan. It was very interesting and I surely did enjoy it. I am willing to give you as many thimbles as you want, that is, at least one hundred pound in weight. The picture surely did make me cry, but perhaps that will do me good on some lines. I am sure it didn't let me.—Lavine Inman.

I want to thank you for inviting

to see the picture Peter Pan. I thought it very interesting. Some of us could not have gone if it hadn't been for the matinee. I send many many thanks.—Mary Ellen Tanner.

I want to thank you for your kindness in giving the eighth grade the privilege of seeing Peter Pan. I enjoyed it very much.—Blanche Wilkinson.

I wish to express my thanks to you for inviting us to the picture Peter Pan. It was very interesting and exciting to me. I am sure some of us could not have gone if it had not been for your generosity. I am sure everyone enjoyed it.—Lillian Reiss.

I am one of the girls who attended your show Monday afternoon. I surely enjoyed the show very much. I have been thinking of Peter Pan ever since I saw him. I also thought Tinker Bell acted so cute. I want to thank you very much for admitting us free. I think it was very kind of you. I think you need a barrel of thimbles and loads of thanks. I am sending you a thimble and many thanks for your kindness. The boys have teased the girls for a thimble ever since they saw the picture.—Mary Paul.

I am one of the girls in the seventh grade. I think that it was very kind of you to let us see the picture Peter Pan free. It surely was good and I think that you deserve some thimbles too.—Mildred Cravens.

I am one of the girls of the seventh grade. I am thanking you very much for allowing me to attend your Peter Pan show. I think it is very kind of you to let us school children in free. It is about the best moving picture show I have ever seen.—Gladys Conley.

I am one of the seventh grade girls that attended your free show Peter Pan Monday afternoon. Our teacher, Miss Bowman, said it would be nice to write you a letter telling you I enjoyed it very much. You were quite right in thinking that we should be especially interested in it. We also liked the comedy, too. I think you need a handful of "thanks" and a mouthful of "thimbles" for your kindness.—Emma Robertson.

In behalf of the boys and girls of the sixth grade, No. 2, I want to thank you for the theater party you gave us for Peter Pan. We thought the story beautiful and the acting splendid and all of us enjoyed it very much. We thought the comedy too was very funny and liked it. We wish you much prosperity in all your endeavors.—Maxine Finley.

Ex-Confederate soldiers in this state should have cause for feeling happy Governor-elect Baker states that one of the first things he will do when he takes office will be to recommend the payment of the pension due these old veterans from the state. Four years' back pension is now due each soldier making a total of \$480 each, for which the state of Missouri is liable. If Governor Baker stands by this report the old Confederates will receive their pension checks early in the spring. Governor Hyde refused to allow these payments of \$10 a month to the old veterans, holding up the appropriation after it had been voted by the state legislature.—Piedmont Banner.

The crap shooters who were operating in the McCoy-Tanner building Saturday night, would like Mayor Felker to have Officer Noblin to stop disturbing them, as one or two of the players and producers have heart trouble.

The Democrat-News is not a political newspaper and does not presume at any time to tell politicians or political parties what they should do or what they should not do. But we are sure we reflect the attitude of an overwhelming majority of the people of Madison county when we vigorously protest against any changes in the personnel of the State Highway Commission, whether by Republican Governor or House, or a Democratic Senate. And we protest with equal vigor any meddling with the duties of that body. The Commission has demonstrated its ability and by an overwhelming vote the state has approved its policies. The Commission should be let alone. Any Governor, or Senator, or Representative, who for party advantage cripples the road program of Missouri ought to go down to political oblivion forever.—Fredericktown Democrat.

That the movement of livestock from Perry County last fall foretold a revival in stock raising that was to establish that industry as a leading one of the county, is borne out by the continued heavy shipments this winter. In November and December the shipping associations here have averaged four carloads weekly, and in the latter month a new record was made when eight carloads were shipped in a single day.

During the years 1921-23, inclusive, state and local taxes increased nearly 15 per cent while federal taxes decreased more than 27 per cent.

Montclair, N. J., now has two policemen, both of whom have been assigned to the traffic squad.

For the first time in many years, Howell county is out of debt and has a balance of \$9000 left in the county treasury. County warrants are worth 100 cents on the dollar and the finances of the county are in better shape than for a long time. This has been made possible by the co-operation of the court in economically conducting the affairs of the county.—Howell County Gazette.

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FARM POPULATION IN SCOTT COUNTY

Do you know that there are 8,401 farm people in Scott County? That 1953 of this number don't live on farms? That 4,122 are tenants and 2,314 are farm laborers? That 37 farm laborers own their own homes free of mortgage?

These facts are brought out in a study recently made by the United States Department of Agriculture in co-operation with the Bureau of the Census based on the Census enumeration of 1920.

The study is the first of its kind ever made and includes an analysis of the farm people in eight selected counties in the United States. Scott County was chosen as one of these counties because of its highly representative character in the Central West.

The study brought out the fact that for every 100 females of the farm population of Scott County, there are 112 males; 4,274, or between a third and a half of the total farm population are under fifteen years of age; there are 219 illiterates, and 23 people are divorced.

The fathers of 9,169 farm people in Scott County were American born; 491 report Germany as the birthplace of their fathers; 46 report Great Britain and Ireland; Canada is next with 14; Italy, 11, and other countries 173.

Of 221 women in the farm population of Scott County, who are gainfully employed, there are 139 in non-agricultural occupations. General servants lead with 41, and school teachers follow with 45. The list contains 11 housekeepers, 7 clerks in stores, 14 cooks and 5 laundresses.

The study also shows that although most of the farm people of Scott County are living on farms, there are 1707 farm people living in towns. Of this number there are 540 farm owners, 375 farm tenants; 43 farm managers and 747 farm laborers.

Mrs. Mary Reed spent the week-end in Benton with C. C. Reed and family.

Mart Powell left Saturday for a few weeks' visit with his son, John, Powell and family at Campbell.

Notice of Administration

Notice is hereby given, that letters of Administration on the estate of Margaret Simpson, deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 10th day of January, 1925, by the Probate Court of Scott County, Missouri.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within six months after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of said letters, they shall be forever barred.

J. W. JONES, Administrator. Witness my hand and seal of the (Seal) Probate Court of Scott County.

THOS. B. DUDLEY, Probate Judge.

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CORRESPONDENCE FROM MOREHOUSE

The Palace Hotel of Morehouse was completely destroyed by fire Friday night, the fire caused from unknown origin. The personal property of everyone was saved, with the exception of W. B. Leach and Orval Flour-nay, who occupied rooms on the second floor and were unable to reach them. Mrs. Cal Bradham was the owner of the Hotel and carried \$8000 insurance on the building and \$2000 on the household goods.

On the way to Morehouse from Sikeston, Sunday night, A. C. White-ner of Morehouse, saw a woman ly-ing face down in the road near Brown Spur. He drove in to Morehouse and secured the assistance of George Smart, deputy marshal, and returned to the place and carried the woman in to Morehouse, where she received medical attention. The doctor said she was suffering from an epileptic fit. The woman says she doesn't remem-ber anything only that she is from Chicago and that she crossed a river and that she wanted to reach Poplar Bluff.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Glass are the proud parents of a baby girl born on Wednesday, January 14.

Miss Clarinda Bridgewater of Gid-oen spent the week-end with Mrs. Bryce Edwards and family.

Mrs. W. R. Griffin entertained with a dinner party Sunday complimentary to her son William Marvin, who is at-tending school at Cape Girardeau. Covers were laid for Misses Beulah Dougherty of Essex, Fern Jones of Buffington and Will Smith of Cape Girardeau.

Harry Himmelberger and family of Cape Girardeau spent Saturday and Sunday night with D. L. Fisher and family. Mr. Himmelberger attended the stockholders' meeting of the Bank of Morehouse Saturday night.

Jean Hirschberg and Miss Helen Grojean were Cape Girardeau visi-tors Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kendall and daughter of Kewanee spent last week-end in Sikeston visiting relat-ives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Johnson, Mrs. Ruth Malone and sons Billy, Jr., and Daniel and Teddy Wade were Benton visitors Sunday afternoon.

The Russell-Bradley Missionary So-ciety will serve a banquet to the men and boys of the Methodist Church on Tuesday evening of this week.

The Woman's Club will hold their regular meeting at the City Hall Tuesday afternoon at 2:30. The pro-gram for the afternoon will be Press and Publicity, with Mrs. Clint Den-man as leader.

The editor of the Signal often won-ders if some of the people here say scur-rious things about others, would be willing to have a real hot communi-cation published over their own nam-es.—Chaffee Signal.

PATROL TO ENFORCE HIGHWAY LAWS URGED

Jefferson City, Jan. 14.—Establish-ment of a State Highway patrol force, with police powers for regu-lation of traffic, curbing of speeding and enforcement of the laws against overloading of motor trucks is favor-ed by the State Highway Department, and a bill to establish such a patrol probably will be introduced in the Legislature during the present ses-sion.

The patrol should be under the control of the State Highway Com-mission, State Highway Engineer Piepmeier said today, and its police powers, limited to supervision over all State roads outside the corporate limits of municipalities. In placing such a system in operation not more than 35 or 40 men would be needed at the outset, Piepmeier said, to pa-trol the roads near the larger cities of the State. The number could be increased as more high type roads are completed in the 7640-mile State highway system.

Such a patrol would save the State many times the cost of the patrol by enforcing the present law fixing a maximum weight of 14 tons for a motor truck and load, Piepmeier stated. Overloading of trucks re-sults in breaking down the surface and foundation of the roads, Piepmeier continued, and compels the State to expend thousands of dollars for repairs and maintenance in addition to expenditure required for average maintenance.

The 14-ton maximum in the pres-ent law is considered too heavy by the department, which favors a 10 or 12 ton maximum, but no definite maximum weight has been adopted for proposed legislative amendments being drafted by the attorneys in the department.

Maintenance patrols now are oper-ating over most of the State roads, under the supervision of the mainte-nance division of the highway depart-ment, but their work is road main-tenance only. The patrols have no police power to deal with violations of the highway laws. Some effort is made by the maintenance patrols to curb overloading of trucks, but they have no authority to make arrests. While the law prohibits overloading of trucks, there is no penalty attach-ed.

As related in the Post-Dispatch, the department plans to expend ap-proximately \$4,000,000 in road main-tenance during 1925 and 1926. This is double the amount of maintenance money that was available for the last biennial period. Tentative allotments totaling \$853,000 already have been made to the 10 divisions in which the State is districted for work of the department and will provide for maintenance of 7420 miles of road for the first six months of this year. The allotments for the last half of the year will be increased, it was said, as more State roads will have been com-pleted under contracts now in course of construction.

The Music Club will meet with Miss Helen Hess Wednesday afternoon of this week.

Miss Mary Thornton of Cape Gir-ardeau was the week-end guest of Miss Thelma Shy.

Notice of Administration

Notice is Hereby Given, That Let-ters Testamentary on the estate of Annette Barnes, deceased, were grant-ed to the undersigned on the 26th day of December, 1924, by the Pro-bate Court of Scott County, Missouri. All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within six months after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of said letters, they shall be forever barred.

FRANK SMITH, Executor. Witness my hand and seal of the Probate Court of Scott County.

THOS. B. DUDLEY, Probate Judge

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Notice of Trustee's Sale

WHEREAS, Delia C. Phillips, a widow, by that certain deed of trust, dated the first day of August, 1917, and filed for record in the Recorder's office of Scott County, Missouri, on the 15th day of October, A. D. 1917, at 10:25 a. m. and recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds with-in and for said Scott County and State of Missouri in Book 37 at pages 190-1-2-3-4, conveyed to J. E. McPherson, Trustee, the following de-scribed real estate situated in the County of Scott and State of Mis-souri, to-wit:

All of Government Lots Six (6) and Seven (7) of the Northeast quar-ter and all that part of Government Lots Five (5), Six (6) and Seven (7) of the Northwest quarter lying East of the main channel of Caney Creek; all in Section One (1), Township Twenty-Seven (27) North, Range Twelve (12) East, containing 315 acres more or less;

In trust to secure the payment of Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000) dollars evidenced by one promissory note in the sum of \$15,000, with interest thereon at the rate of 5 per cent per annum payable annually evidenced by five interest notes for the sum of \$750.00 each, and all of said notes bearing interest at the rate of 8 per cent per annum after maturity until paid; and by the terms of said deed, same provides that in the event default be made in the payment of the interest upon said note, then both the interest and principal shall, at the election of the payee of said note, become immediately due and payable.

AND WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of the principal indebtedness which matured August 1, 1922, and the legal holders of said note have elected to declare the en-tire indebtedness secured by said deed of trust, due and payable, immedi-ately, and have elected to exercise their rights to foreclose conferred by the trust deed heretofore referred to.

AND WHEREAS, said deed of trust provides that in the event of the refusal, death, inability or ab-sence from Scott County, Missouri, of the trustee named in said deed of trust to act, then the acting Sheriff of Scott County, Missouri, is to be his successor in trust with full pow-er.

AND WHEREAS, J. E. McPherson, Trustee in said deed of trust, has re-fused to act and has resigned as said trustee.

NOW THEREFORE, at the request of the legal holders of said note, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, and in pursuance of the con-conditions in said deed of trust, I, the undersigned acting Sheriff of Scott County, Missouri, as substituted Trustee, will sell the above described property, at public vendue, to the highest bidder for cash, at the front door of the Court House, same being the East entrance thereof, in the City of Benton, County of Scott, State of Missouri, on

Friday, February 13, 1925, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 5 p. m. for the purpose of said trust deed. Title is believed to be good, but I will sell only as Substitute Trustee.

E. A. DYE, Sheriff of Scott County Missouri, Substitute Trustee.

PIEPMIEIR APPOINTED TO FEDERAL ROAD BOARD

Jefferson City, January 16.—The Secretary of Agriculture, in conjunc-tion with the president of the Amer-ican Association of State Highway Officials, has appointed B. H. Piep-meier chief engineer of the Missouri State Highway Department member of a joint board to select and number the main roads in the United States, which will be recognized as interstate in character. Piepmeier will repre-sent the Mississippi Valley States on the joint board.

Dr. Feinlstein of Morley visited in Sikeston Sunday.

Miss Mattie Caldwell was a week-end visitor in Charleston.

L. S. Mitchell spent the week-end in St. Louis with his family.

Murray Tanner was down from St. Louis with his family over Sunday.

Coach Lingle was in Cobden, Ill., over the week-end with homefolks.

FOR RENT—4-room house and gar-age.—John A. Hitt, phone 416. 2tpd.

Mrs. Josephine Veith spent the week-end with homefolks in Diehl-stadt.

Gus Oliver of Dexter has accepted a position with the Scott County Mil-ling Company.

Mrs. Tillman Anderson of Com-merce is the house guest of Mrs. W. S. Applegate.

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms for light housekeeping.—Mrs. R. R. Smith, 234 Trotter.

C. L. Whittner of Fredericktown was a business visitor in Sikeston the first of the week.

George Van Lear of Charleston was the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Emory Matthews, Sunday.

Notice of Trustee's Sale

WHEREAS, Roy M. Howlett and Earline Howlett, his wife, by their certain deed of trust dated the 1st day of July, A. D. 1919, and filed for record in the Recorder's office of Scott County, Missouri, on the 15th day of August, A. D. 1919 at 10:00 a. m. and recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds within and for said Scott County and State of Mis-souri, in book 35 at page 95, convey-ed to J. E. McPherson, Trustee, the following described real estate situ-ated in the County of Scott and State of Missouri, to-wit:

The Northwest quarter of North-west quarter of Section Twenty-eight (28); North Half of Northeast quar-ter of Section Twenty-Nine (29) Township Twenty-seven (27) North, Range Fourteen (14) East, contain-ing 120 acres more or less.

In trust to secure the payment of \$4,000.00 evidenced by one promis-sory note in the sum of \$4,000.00 with interest thereon at the rate of 5 1/2 per cent per annum payable annually evidenced by five interest notes for the sum of \$220.00 each, and all of said notes bearing interest at the rate of 8 per cent per annum after maturity until paid; and by the terms of said trust deed same provides that in the event default be made in the payment of the interest upon said note, then both the interest and principal shall, at the election of the payee of said note, become immedi-ately due and payable.

AND WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of the in-terest coupon due July 1st, 1924, and the legal holders of said note have elected to declare the entire indebt-edness secured by said deed of trust, due and payable immediately, and have elected to exercise their rights to foreclose conferred by the trust deed heretofore referred to.

AND WHEREAS, said deed of trust provides that in the event of the refusal, death, inability or ab-sence from Scott County, Missouri, of the Trustee named in said deed of trust to act, then the acting Sheriff of Scott County, Missouri, is to be his successor in trust with full pow-er.

AND WHEREAS, J. E. McPherson, Trustee in said deed of trust has re-fused to act and has resigned as said trustee.

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E. A. DYE, Sheriff of Scott County Missouri, Substitute Trustee.

UNDERWOOD SHOALS BILL FINALLY PASSES SENATE

Washington, Jan. 14.—The Under-wood Muscle Shoals bill passed the Senate on a final vote today. The measure, which would authorize the lease of the property to private in-terests, differs radically from the Muscle Shoals bill passed by the House at the last session, and these differences must be ironed out in conference before either measure can become law.

The vote today, however, at least means a temporary end to the Sen-ate fight, which has been in progress since this session began. The roll call showed 50 Senators in favor of the Underwood bill to 30 opposed.

C. F. Bruton, of Sikeston, one of Southeast Missouri's leading real estate dealers, was here Wednesday looking after some business matters. Mr. Bruton predicts that 1925 will see a wonderful revival in real estate values in this section of the state.—Bloomfield Vindicator.

DREADFUL PAINS

Georgia Lady, Who Had Lost Too Much Weight, Was Advised to Take Cardui and Is Now Well.

Columbus, Ga.—Mrs. George S. Hunter, of this city, writes: "After I married, thirteen months ago, I suffered with dreadful pains in my sides during ... My side hurt so bad it nearly killed me. I had to go to bed and stay some-times two weeks at a time. I could not work and I just dragged around the house.

"I got very thin—I went from 125 pounds down to less than 100. My mother had long been a user of Cardui and she knew what a good medicine it was for this trouble, so she told me to get some and take it. I sent to the store after it and before I had taken the first bottle I began to improve.

"My side hurt less and I began to improve in health.... The Cardui acted as a fine tonic and I do not feel like the same person. I am so much better. I am well now. I have gained ten pounds and am still gaining. My sides do not trouble me at all.

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An opener for cans has been in-vented that holds them between jaws as it cuts out their tops, preventing the tin injuring user's hands. A Washington architect wants to remodel the Capitol so as to give the Senate chamber an outside exposure. There are some critics of Senatorial procedure who think that a little in-side exposure would be equally de-sirable.—Southern Lumberman.

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